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[00:10:05] If everyone but supervisors can clear the dais, and supervisors, if you're in the building, could you come to the dais so we can start, please? Can't start until we have five people up here, so I'm waiting for people to come to the dais.

[00:10:38] Counting to five. Well, good evening, supervisors, good evening, staff, and good evening, Loudon.

[00:10:55] I'd like to call to order the June 3rd, 2025 Loudon County Business Meeting. This room has a hearing loop. If you need hearing assistance, please switch your hearing aid to the telecall mode. If you need a headset, we have those available as well. It is my turn this time to do words of inspiration or an invocation.

[00:11:16] What I want to just take a time, a moment to do, is talk to the senior class of 2025. Whether you're in parochial school, private school, or public school, I want to say, first of all, congratulations. Achieving, finishing high school is a big deal.

[00:11:33] And please, no matter what you're going to do next in your life, please celebrate this. whether you're going to go to the military, college, the workforce, Peace Corps, whatever you're going to do next, celebrate it. I want to say that, you know, that you all are growing up in a world right now that I didn't have

to grow up in. I mean, every mistake I ever made in my life was not telegraphed on social media over and over again for the world to see.

[00:11:56] So you all have a harder way to go sometimes. But I also have done a lot of research about Gen Z, which is what you are. And Gen Z is one of the most accepting generations. You really are willing to talk to other people in other places, hear different ideas, opinions, for all the harm the Internet does sometimes.

[00:12:19] It also allows you to talk to somebody in another country across the way. Gen Z, unlike the millennials, Gen Z, you are less concerned with making money, but you're more concerned with having a community impact. You are very concerned, especially about climate.

[00:12:37] I think one of the most interesting things I read about Gen Z is that you are less religious but more spiritual than your parents, whatever that might mean. You're less religious but you're more spiritual than your parents. I honestly think that you all are just a phenomenal generation.

[00:12:53] And I know that often when young people make mistakes, that's what makes the news and makes the headlines. but the truth is that you all do an amazing job you take care of one another and you choose and try to take care of the society that's around you so to the graduates of 2025 to the senior class of 2025 all across our country and but especially Loudoun County we are so proud of you and we wish you all the best in every endeavor that you have and the last thing I will say to you is please

[00:13:26] when you go off to college or the military wherever you go call your mother otherwise you're going to call you and wonder and may even come to your dorm room call your parents because they they love you and they need to hear from you would everybody please join me the pledge of

[00:13:42] allegiance okay so um supervisor bricksman will not be um with us this evening she is away she told us this in plenty of times she will not be joining us either in the room or virtually

[00:14:17] Supervisors Sains and Kirshner, I'm sorry, Sains, Kirshner, and Laterno should all be here tonight. Some of them, two of them are coming from D.C., and they always have a little bit of traffic.

[00:14:32] They usually get here about 5 o'clock, and so we do expect to have our other colleagues on the agenda, on the dais with us tonight. There's kind of a lot of things going on right now, so I'm trying to get through the first part of this meeting, and not miss anything. First I'll do additions and deletions to the agenda. I'm going to announce the Virginia Property Maintenance Code and Enhanced Protective Zoning Enforcement has been deferred to the July 15th meeting. That will be heard in the July 15th board business meeting. The resolution to recognize Loudoun County's foster parents of the year

[00:15:09] was approved on May 20th at the board business meeting and we will do a presentation for that tonight and we're very excited about that. I'm going to add a motion to reconsider the vote on item 2A, the confirmations for the May 20th board business meeting. That was the meeting I had to miss on, not I had to miss, I was at my family member's graduation, and there was a person who, one person who was, should have been put on there and one person that should have been made shouldn't have the confirmation those things got mixed up and so we'll fix that I do believe miss I'm said you have

[00:15:48] a confirmation for that you'd like to delete from the confirmations agenda tonight and miss glass you do not have anyone you want to delete but you do have someone we're going to yeah you have and when I'm with the consent agenda there's a person who will serve on your you made a nomination for

the have board for the family services advisory board is that correct yes okay so when i get to the consent agenda that's how i that's how i would read that on the consent agenda um miss um said

[00:16:22] you had a deletion for the agenda uh yes ma'am i would like to withdraw um for the time being the nomination of ms wright for the family services advisory board okay so we'll take that off of confirmations. I'm going to make a motion for item 2A. It's a motion to reconsider for the May 20th, 2025 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting, and this is my appointee that I talked about. So if I'm going to take that person off, I have to make a motion to do, a motion to be considered to do that. So that's why I'm making this motion right now. Is there

[00:17:00] a second on that motion? Motion made and seconded by Vice Chair Turner. Discussion on that motion? All in favor say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 5-4. And now I'm going to go on and do the motion. I move the Board of Supervisors to confirm the appointments with terms expiring as outlined in the May 20, 2025 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item with the exception of my nomination for the community services provider rep to the community policy management team. Is there a second? Thank you, Vice Chair Turner.

[00:17:29] So this gentleman is just phenomenal and does well in every way. That position has some very, very specific qualifications and when I made the nomination I thought that he checked off all the boxes. It's one box he didn't quite check off so I have to pull his name but I will find another place to put that very deserving, very talented individual.

[00:17:53] So thank you. All in favor please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 5-4. So I will withdraw my nomination to community services provider representative for the policy management team. I'm going to read the consent agenda now with the change for a supervisor glass, this person, and if anyone has anything they hear they think is not correct, please tell me. Item R1, proclamation to recognize June 6, 2025 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. That is for approval and presentation.

[00:18:25] We did talk to Ms. Brixman, who usually is the co-sponsor of this resolution. She couldn't be here, but she did want us to go on and do the resolution today. Item R2, Resolution to Recognize Loudoun Youth Poet Laureate, which is amazing. Ms. Tocroni will join me down on the floor for R2. For R1, Mr. Turner, you'll join me down on the floor for R1. R3, Resolution of Accommodation for the 13th Anniversary of the South Riding, that's for approval only.

[00:18:54] Item 1A, Affordable Multifamily Housing Loan Program Application for Goose Creek Village West Apartments. Item 1B, Affordable Multifamily Housing Loan Program Application for Old Arcola School Apartments.

[00:19:10] Item 1C, Affordable Multifamily Housing Loan Program Application for Tuscarora Crossing, Phase 1. Item 1D, Affordable Multifamily Housing Loan Program for Tuscarora Crossing, Phase 2. 2A. Confirmations, it's a confirmation to nominate for the HAB seat for the Family Services Advisory Board and this is a nomination that has been put forward by Ms. Glass. The supplemental was sent out and is in our package. Is that okay? Do you need anything else on that? Okay,

[00:19:47] wonderful. Item three, administrative advisory report for June 3rd, 2025. Item four, ratification a tentative agreement for retiree health benefits between Loudoun County, Virginia and represented bargaining units. Item five, reallocation of visit Loudoun's FY 2024 restricted transit occupancy tax fund

balance request. Item six, response to the board member initiative, implementation of on-street parking restrictions on Innovation Avenue. That is the consent agenda.

[00:20:13] I will make a motion to approve. Is there a second on that motion? Madam Chair. Yes. I wasn't sure if I heard the special exception refer deferral for milestone you did not yet okay you did not yet because yeah you did not yet um that motion is made and seconded um for supervisor turner discussion on the consent agenda which I have read seeing none all people say aye any opposed that motion will pass 5-4 okay miss glass on the on the milestone um if i'm if i'm

[00:20:50] understanding what's what you'd like to do tonight uh the item itself they want to defer that to the into september but the cpmt a motion will be made for that and what happens happens to that motion one way or the other tonight is that correct correct okay um then i would do um that doesn't have to be in addition to the agenda we would i i would just without objection take we would just move the the the uh item for the tower we would just move that to september meeting and i'll probably put it at the first meeting september we come back okay everybody good with

[00:21:28] that wonderful wonderful wonderful all right um what have i been doing over the past couple of of weeks. Let me find my piece of paper so I can tell you. So, chair's comments and chair's activities.

[00:21:48] So, as everyone knows, I, oh, maybe not, maybe everyone doesn't know because it's not all that interesting, but I'll tell you that I am the chair of the Health Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties. The National Association of Counties is the body that brings policies to our Congress, our House members and our senators in Congress, and the policies we bring forward are policies that will positively impact county government. As the Health Steering Committee

[00:22:22] chairperson, I work very closely, or this committee works very closely, and the NACO staff works very closely with Secretary Kennedy, head of HHS. The MAHA, the Make America Healthy Again report came out, and there will be a meeting to discuss the MAHA report in general. It's a long report with a very hefty executive summary, which I've read through the executive summary. The problem

[00:22:56] is that in the report it was found that some of the things that are cited there are some citations in there that are there the research actually wasn't done before it was cited in the report and there's some citations for reports from doctors from scientists that is a either a misrepresentation or a miscommunication and so the maha report it has been some parts of the report has been retracted and they're going to take a look at some of those things and

[00:23:34] come back and try to do it again now I have a meeting tomorrow and so what I've made the decision to do is a part of the part of the report that was not retracted just put that forward and we will make the the committee itself will start to make resolutions to go to congress based on what we believe in the maha report is is correct and everything else will have to wait on our resolutions supervisors please remember that resolutions to naco are due by which justin help me out june 2nd july 2nd resolutions to naco are

[00:24:10] due by july 2nd so we believe we will have the maha report corrected and returned and things that It shouldn't have been there at all taken out, so we still have time to put in resolutions. One of the resolutions that I do plan on putting forth to the body is a resolution about two things, one, Medicaid, and two, SNAP.

[00:24:35] The county government, in fact, no county government could cover the cost of Medicaid or SNAP losses, supplemental nutrition program losses is too great for any county government to cover. And so I am going to ask first the Health Steering Committee to pass that resolution.

[00:24:54] And if that passes, we would take that to the full body, which we will have our meeting this year in Philadelphia. And if that passes, then that goes to the full body.

[00:25:09] Once that passes the committee, then my name comes off of the resolution altogether, and it's a resolution that comes from the committee. So I'll put that forward, and the things that were cited that were probably not correct to be cited, we will take a look at those when the report comes back and is corrected.

[00:25:30] I will be going to the National Association of Counties' offices on this coming Monday to do a podcast with Senator Chris Murphy. The podcast topic is going to be as it relates to isolation, depression, and anxiety due to social media, which I can talk about that all day long.

[00:25:55] I won't because I won't, but that podcast will be done on Monday, and some of our county staff and, of course, my staff will be traveling to D.C. with me to do that podcast with Senator Murphy. So that is all I have for that.

[00:26:12] But Superbusters, please, please, please remember if you have resolutions you want to get in, then they go July 2nd is your drop-dead date to do that. Okay, my voice for a cause today is somebody I'm very excited about and the cause I'm very excited about, Crossroads Jobs. Crossroads Jobs is a Leesburg-based nonprofit that provides individually focused employment services to Loudoun area residents who are unemployed or underemployed.

[00:26:36] Their services are free to both job seekers and employers by communicating with both businesses to learn about available jobs openings and individuals in need of employment. Crossroad Jobs works to match the right person to the right job.

[00:26:52] With us today is Carol Smith, who's the executive director of Crossroad Jobs. Crossroads Jobs, Ms. Smith, welcome. Thank you for being here. A couple questions for you. Who are the primary individuals or communities that crossroad jobs, tries to serve, aims to serve?

[00:27:08] And what is the process that job seekers go through if they come to you for help? What can they expect? Sure. So first of all, thank you so much for this opportunity. We actually do not turn anyone away who comes to us looking for a job. But our program is really designed for individuals who are experiencing barriers to employment.

[00:27:28] So over the past year, 75% of our Loudoun County applicants earned less than 30% of the area median income, an additional 20% earning less than 50%. So we really see many people who are low income in this area.

[00:27:47] The program process requires that new applicants set up an appointment with us, and during that appointment they complete a very comprehensive application and then review the application with one of our trained job counselors either in Spanish or in English. During that interview they come to they come up with a plan to move forward and that's different for every single person so that's why our program is very individualized because we're all different.

[00:28:15] It sounds amazing. And so yeah. Sounds time intensive but it sounds amazing. What are some of the most common you mentioned that everyone most people come to you come to you of the employment barrier. What are some of the most common barriers people have from seeking employment to getting employment, and how does Crossroads help them with those experiences?

[00:28:34] Sure. Well, often we see that people don't really have a plan. They don't really know where to start, but as far as identifiable barriers, housing is a huge one. In the past year, 18% of our applicants come to us either homeless or precariously housed, so that's a huge obstacle. Disability, 13%. And we have a job counselor who's a retired special education teacher. So she works with individuals who have a disability. Transportation is huge. 45% of our applicants do not have access to a car. Imagine that in this county. It's really difficult.

[00:29:11] Criminal history is another barrier. In fact, I just gave our monthly presentation at the adult detention center before I came here. And so we actually, our phone number is free for people who are being released. And so they can call our office and make an appointment and hopefully have a job soon. We have female heads of household. Often that brings barriers with childcare needs.

[00:29:36] And then 58% have come to us unemployed. So that's a gap in work history that can be a barrier too. so those are just some of the things that's that was that's that is very interesting and very important for us to know on this day is because so many of those things that you just talked about can be addressed on this day as things like we know we've made the bus system the local route system free yep things like that um needing to knowing and realizing that we need more attainable housing at the zero to 30 percent of ami and to try to continue to try to get that on the ground So, so many of those things that for us are things that this board can actually address.

[00:30:15] So, thank you for letting us know that. What are the types of business you collaborate with, and do you have any partnerships with local or small businesses in Loudoun? Do you talk to the chamber? Oh, yes. Yeah, in fact, Tony Howard has sent me a few resumes of folks who have lost their jobs recently.

[00:30:31] So, that's something that we're focusing on. And so we collaborate with a lot of different nonprofits and government organizations in the area. We have nine MOUs currently, and we do a lot of monthly presentations to different organizations so that they know that we're there.

[00:30:51] we're part of Loudoun Hunger Relief's Community Services Center, and also one of the subcontractors for Loudoun Care's Rental Relief and Eviction Assistance Program, sponsored by Loudoun County American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA funding. So, and then the other, because we're a jobs program, we also reach out to businesses in the area regularly. We're not a recruiter, so we don't specialize in any one particular industry. So we reach out to a lot of different businesses, and we've placed people in many local jobs, including You've Got Maids, Atlantic Union Bank,

[00:31:28] Lansdowne, Loudoun County Public Schools, Loudoun County Government. So I could go on and on, but many, many different businesses. That's amazing. And then how do people contact you? So the best way is you can call us. We do answer the phone. And so we love to give tours of our tiny little office we also have a website which we're i now have a young new job counselor who's working on improving our website so um those are ways but we love phone calls and i'm happy to answer any questions so well carol miss smith thank you for that you know we don't always talk

[00:32:04] about i don't like the term working poor i've never really liked that term but i but i do know what the term is trying to say and sometimes there is an assumption that if you don't have if you don't meet the area median income you're not working and that's just not true people are Sometimes people are working two or three jobs to try to make the ends meet.

[00:32:20] And this is not an inexpensive area, the entire Metro Washington area to live in. So there are two times during this meeting that I allow clapping, and this is one of them. Thank you very much. Thank you. I really appreciate it. Mr. Hamstreet, do you have any comments tonight?

[00:32:37] Thank you, Madam Chair. I've got four comments for this evening. The first is that I'm pleased to announce that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services has been named a finalist for the 2025 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. The prestigious national honor is given by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and the National Recreation and Park Association.

[00:32:58] The evaluation process for the award examines how agencies address community needs through collaborative efforts involving residents, staff members, and elected officials. The award winner will be announced in September. Second, in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Area Agency on Aging and the Department of Family Services are hosting a free community event Wednesday, June 11th from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the lodge at Hanson Park.

[00:33:25] Members of the community, including caregivers and family members, are encouraged to attend the event. Pre-registration is required. More information is online at loudon.gov slash elderabuseawareness. Third, the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office reminds taxpayers at the deadline to pay the first half of the year's real estate taxes is Thursday, June 5th.

[00:33:45] There are several payment options, including online, by email, or in person. More information is online at loudon.gov slash taxes. And then finally, pre-registration is underway for the Loudoun County Public Library's popular summer reading program. This year's edition has a fantasy theme and will include literary challenges, free family programs, and prizes.

[00:34:07] All ages and reading levels are invited to join the fund. Last year, nearly 20,000 people participated in the program. Anyone who pre-registers will receive a free entry to the Percival Cannons baseball game on Saturday, June 14th, which is the first day of the challenge.

[00:34:24] Details are online at library.loudon.gov slash SRP. Those are my comments this evening, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. McTree. Ms. Yomitri, for many years, was that event, the library event, combined with the every year there's a book, one book that comes out that they ask everyone to read the book?

[00:34:44] Are those two, because I think for the past couple years, I haven't, we don't know what that book is. Our library board says, you know, this is a book we're all reading. It was like, I think last year it was a book called, two years ago it was a book called Hey, Kiddo. Last year it was a book called Refugee.

[00:35:00] Is this something we're still doing? I do know that they do sponsor books on an annual basis. I don't know if that's connected with us, but I'll find out. Okay, thanks so much. I appreciate it. All right, wonderful. Thank you. All right, we have three information items tonight. They're going to take a little while, which is great, because one of them is the Design Standards Awards.

[00:35:21] So the way we're going to do this tonight is, because usually I have the vice chair and I come stand down here, and we stand here while the introductions are given, And that's, we shouldn't do that. So what I'm going to do instead is have, is it going to be Alan coming to the, there he is, and Colleen and whoever's going to come down and do the introductions, not the introductions, but the first discussions.

[00:35:47] And then when you're ready for Mr. Turner and I to come downstairs to take pictures and that kind of stuff, let us know and we will not come downstairs, come down to the front of the dais. We will be there. and so when you when you get your awards you're going to come up uh take a picture of mr turner and i um and then stand off to the side and then the end we're going to all take one picture together but i think that you guys there's some things you want to say before we get to that point correct correct wonderful ready when you are sir all right good thank you very much good evening good evening good evening chairman randall members of the board the county administrators

[00:36:26] and my fellow citizens of Loudoun County. My name is Al Gooden. I am the chair of the Loudoun County Design Committee and of course it is my honor to present this year's Signature of Loudoun Design Excellence Awards. This year is special because it marks our 20th anniversary of Signatures of Loudoun. For two decades we've recognized the power of design to define our communities from its iconic buildings our public spaces to hidden architectural gems and presenting us with

[00:37:01] bold new ideas on this special occasion we are also proud to share with our commemorative book it has created a partnership with the loudon economic development celebrating 20 years of design excellence each of you on the board will receive a copy tonight i see you already have yours i want to briefly kind of talk about who we are and what we've been doing for 20 actually 23 years the loudon county design cabinet was formed in 2003 in partnership with the department of

[00:37:37] economic development we are a volunteer group of award-winning architects planners engineers and designers who believe that good design is good business our mission is simple to elevate the quality of Loudoun County's built environment because design excellence contributes directly to our economy, our vitality, and the quality of life we live in Loudoun. Every year, we open up to the public nominations for exceptional architecture, interior design, public spaces,

[00:38:11] infrastructure, all throughout Loudoun County. This year, we received 16 exciting entries, Many qualified for multiple categories, a testament to the design talent and visual driven that has moved in this county forward.

[00:38:29] Our cabinet selected eight outstanding winners and talented pair of local high school students awarded this year's student choice. As we announce this award, photos will appear, as you said, on the screen.

[00:38:45] We ask that you hold all of your applause until all the winners have been called. Winners, please come forward when your name is announced and remain in front of the dais, and the group photo will be with the board following the presentation.

[00:39:01] So now, let us begin. Ms. Turner and I will come down right now then. Yes, we all have a chance to get down there.

[00:39:18] Thank you.

[00:39:29] Yes, ma'am.

[00:39:45] That is correct. Are we ready to get started? Okay, well, the first category is one that's near and dear to my heart, and it's called details. This is where the design meets delight.

[00:40:00] It's about the little things, the creative touches, the fine craftsmanship, or the spark of personality that makes a project unforgettable. These aren't just finishing touches, they often are the part of the things that people remember about the most about that space.

[00:40:18] This year's winner, Hummingbird's Hideaway Treehouse. This playful, enchanted retreatment nestled in the hills of Western Loudoun features artisan craftsmanship, clever reuse of materials, and a sense of surprise that captivates the design cabinet.

[00:40:37] Accepting the award today are the designer and builder, Donnie Walker, and site engineer, Charles Mumal.

[00:40:56] Yes.

[00:41:10] All right, yes. Next up is contextual design. The winning project in this category feels like they've always been part of the landscape, whether it's historical area or a brand new development.

[00:41:32] These designs blend seamlessly with their surroundings, honoring what is around them while still standing out on their own rights. This year's winner, Birkby House Conservatory. This thoughtful addition to one of Leesburg's most beloved historic homes blends seamlessly with the original structure and surrounding gardens, respecting its federal style while meeting modern needs.

[00:41:59] Accepting the award today are the owners, all Malone, Carla Malone, Carly Malone, and Kathleen Malone. And Kelly Brook. And Kelly Brook. The city plan and town planner.

[00:42:42] Thank you, Kelly. Talk about take a village. Let's talk about an exciting topic, infrastructure. The unsung hero of good design. These are the bones of our county, the roads, the safety centers, the foundational projects that support everything else we build. Just because it's functional doesn't mean it can't also be thoughtful and beautiful. And this year, we have two exciting

[00:43:15] winners who prove that very subject the first winner sterling park safety center this long anticipated project unifies public safety service in a facility that reflects the modern style and needs of the sterling community and the bravery of those who serve it accepting the award today

[00:43:40] is Michael Gibson and interior designer Jackie Hall. Okay, as we said, we have two perfect winners of this. Our second winner is the Leesburg Streetscape improvements.

[00:44:18] Downtown Leesburg refreshed streetscapes marry history with accessibility, providing pedestrian friendly charm, improved infrastructure, and a beautiful access point for downtown Leesburg. Accepting the awards are Director of Public Works and Capital Projects, Rene Befollett and Mayor Kelly Burke.

[00:44:42] I got you this time, girl.

[00:44:53] Thank you.

[00:45:12] Next up, next up is interiors. We all know how good design affects how space feels. This category recognizes excellence in interior design, blending comfort, beauty, and function, and the way we work.

[00:45:30] This winner, this year's winner, excuse me, is Dental Smiles at Purseville Gateway. This thoughtful design face blends a calming palette, and we all know about Dennis and calm, with patient-first functionality, proving that good design enhances even the most routine environments.

[00:45:56] This design cabinet this year highlighted the reclaimed wood accents, sinks that were made from local potteries as an outstanding detail. Accepting an award is Dr. Neda Armistrout and Dr. Chris Rosales, and the interior designer, Carrie Wilson.

[00:46:31] Did you make an appointment while you were? Okay, we're going to move on to pacesetters. This category highlights bold, forward-thinking projects that show where Loudoun's heading next.

[00:46:49] These are the buildings and spaces that push boundaries, challenge assumptions, and help shape the future of our built environment. This year, we felt two projects were worthy of the award. Our first winner is Equinix DC21 Exterior.

[00:47:05] Equidex DC 21 challenges assumptions. Elevated dollar data centers designed throughout striking facades, uplifting the transforms the exterior into a nighttime landmark, merging infrastructure with civic art. Accepting the awards is director Mike Kilcary and friend.

[00:47:36] I don't know who you gentlemen are, okay? Congratulations. Our second winner, the Philip A. Bowling Memorial Park Restroom and Concession Facility.

[00:47:58] This project proves that even essential park amenities can demonstrate architectural care, environmental sensitivity, and community-first planning. Accepting the award, our senior project architect, Erica Rokenbrod, and designer, David Antal.

[00:48:23] So let's now shift to public spaces.

[00:48:43] These are the places where people gather, parks, plazas, greenways, where design creativity is part of the community. Where these spaces are done right, they become the heart of the neighborhood. This year's winner shows exactly how that is done.

[00:48:59] The Mervyn Jackson Park East End, named in honor of the beloved local leaders, this invited pocket park of Leesburg's East End offers a cherished gathering space completed with a donated piano that fills us in the air with unexpected moments of music and connection.

[00:49:31] Accepting awards is Director of Park and Recreation Department, Rick Williams, Chair of the Commissions on Public Arts, Jeanette Ward, and Mayor Kelly Burke. I tell you, I tell you.

[00:49:54] Thank you. Finally, as you heard me speak before, we have the Student Choice Award. This one was really special because it's chosen from high school students who join us for a full day, and they are totally hands-on in part of the judging.

[00:50:16] They bring us sharp observations, great questions, and a lot of passion to the table. And I was smiling and grinning when you were talking about Gen X because this year, they were, we were dropping our jaw with the comments they were making. They were fabulous.

[00:50:32] They truly were. Including students in the process and are just symbolic. They are the future design in Loudoun. And we asked them all when they come back from college that they're going to do their business here in Loudoun. And they all nodded, actually.

[00:50:48] And tonight, we are proud to spotlight those voices of the celebration. This year's panel included Gavin Jackson from Potomac Falls High School and Sayed Basafala from the Academies of Loudoun. And the Student Choice Award goes to Hummingbird Hideaway Treehouse.

[00:51:10] The students really appreciate the creativity, the craftsmanship, and the immersive experience offered by this project. And notice how it blended imagination with Loudoun's nature and its beauty. I told you they're smart.

[00:51:27] Accepting the award is builder Donnie Walker and engineer Charlie Mouat. So that concludes our awards.

[00:51:46] But in closing here, hold that clap, member. In closing, thank you again to all of you on the board and the board of supervisors. We really love and appreciate the support you have given us for this specific item, Design Excellence of Loudoun.

[00:52:05] And we want to thank Buddy Reiser and the Department of Economic Development and the great team that we have for their support. Because, quite frankly, we could not do this without them herding us and cats and actually helping us promote the great design of Loudoun County and how it's a great place to live, work, and play.

[00:52:25] This program thrives because of your partnership. We're excellent to carry it forward, and we're looking forward for our third decade. Okay, okay, so if you wanna know more about us, you can go to the signaturesoflouden.com, and then we have our webpage in there, and you'll see these awards on there as well.

[00:52:51] And also, the design cabinet does design charrettes, and if you have interest in that, you can also go on that, and thank you for your attending every once in a while. It was great. I wanna final say congratulations to all the winners.

[00:53:07] and thank you for making loudon county a design specialist and we all have seen here that we are design excellence is good business and it's good community so thank you very much yes you can now so now we're going to take a group picture

[00:54:11] Is it okay if I get the design cabinet members to come up and sit, you know, take the peripheral? Get up there, guys. You're looking straight at me. Maybe we could have the panel in the front.

[00:54:32] No doubt. No, I'm just going right here. That's pretty funny. I feel like I'm at the sports and I don't think we don't have a team shot. You can do the sides.

[00:54:43] Are you supposed to go?

[00:55:34] No, I'll just do it. We'll tell them all. Thank you.

[00:55:38] Well, that was fun, and I just enjoyed talking to artistic, talented people.

[00:57:32] That was great. All right, we're going to go on and do our next legislative item. It is our legislative update, which will close out the legislative program for this year. And so, if Mr. Quintine, Mr. Freeman, everyone, could you all come to the table, please?

[00:57:52] Thank you so much. Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the board.

[00:58:14] Before you is the wrap-up item of the 2025 state legislative session. Included in the item is three sections, essentially. The first highlighting our initiatives. The second is highlighting four attachments, bills that the board took position on, bills tracked by staff, reproductive bills, as well as data center bills.

[00:58:41] And Mr. Freeman, normally we will stop and do these in sections, but because this is the kind of the wrap-up item and everyone on this day has seen these bills many, many times and gone down to the General Assembly and all that, we're just going to go straight through the item and do questions at the end.

[00:58:56] Absolutely. Okay. So starting in Section 1, the Board's initiatives, I'm happy to report back that all of the bills that the Board put forward were signed by the Governor. The first is the stormwater bills carried by Delegate Martinez and Senator Perry, essentially restoring our authority to right of entry on properties outside the municipal separate stormwater systems.

[00:59:23] So essentially, western Loudoun County, where our staff has to investigate erosion claims, there were a couple of localities that had the same issue. It was an unintended consequence of some language cleanup with the General Assembly, cleaning up the language in the erosion and sediment control part of code, as well as the stormwater part of code.

[00:59:49] So we were able to correct that. preceding July 1st. We will have that authority back. The second bill or second slew of bills relating to the noise disclosures for properties sold within noise contours around airports.

[01:00:06] I'm happy to announce of course that this was signed by the governor. This issue I think we were very proud of because it started out as a Loudoun County only issue if you will due to the fact that the bill that took away our authority to mandate these disclosures by ordinance we were the only ones in the state doing that and so or by any locally we were only locality doing that I should say apologize and so essentially working through the Housing Commission last year in getting their endorsement on the measure working with our stakeholders such as Vaco VML even

[01:00:44] working with the Realtors to get their support on the issue we were able to get this signed by the governor and so essentially what it's set up was a link in buyer beware where if you purchase a home within the Commonwealth in that buyer beware section of your paperwork you will see a link that essentially allows you to click on that takes you to a website that is maintained by the department of aviation it's actually on their website and all 66 airports in the commonwealth

[01:01:22] will be able to upload their maps to this webpage and allow homeowners to see whether their home falls within a noise contour and so essentially i the web page is up i went and counted today right before the meeting 19 airports out of the 66 have already uploaded their maps that includes leesburg executive airport and of course dulles international airport and so we were happy to partner with emwa on this issue and get this measure through so good job good job county

[01:01:58] staff good job supervisors good job loudon good for us so moving to the budget which was signed by the governor at his action deadline on may 2nd essentially we saw a couple of things within the final budget agreement that we wanted to highlight of course is the new education funding investments so lcps we recognized right away as we communicated to you all via email that essentially eight million in new state funding for lcps we were happy to see that there were also

[01:02:33] the sales and use tax exemption language within the budget agreement essentially that exemption was not tinkered with as we previously fought against which of course included requirements to receive the exemption there were certain budget amendments that were put forward to essentially preclude the exemption altogether in the commonwealth and so what it was boiled down to in the end was essentially a study for the joint subcommittee on tax to look at the sales and use

[01:03:08] tax exemption over the next course of course in the next few months to look at the sales of use tax exemption through a lens of six separate provisions and essentially return back to the General Assembly with recommendations for the 2026 legislative session and so staff will be working with that subcommittee to ensure that the board's voice is heard in that matter. And so the last thing I'll highlight is the Oak Hill state acquisition of Oak Hill

[01:03:44] for the purposes of creating a state park. That unfortunately did not make it into a final budget agreement. It was essentially caught up in the 172 amendments to the budget that the governor issued to essentially they procedurally passed by those amendments due to them trying to essentially adhere to their constitutional duty to pass a balanced budget.

[01:04:11] And so they returned to the governor the conference report that they passed on February 22nd. And unfortunately, we were not in the conference report. But I do want to note that a silver lining of that is I do feel that we are in a really good position to get that measure passed next year.

[01:04:29] And so we'll be working with our legislators over the next couple of months to essentially keep this on the radar. And with that, Madam Chair, I'll turn it over for any questions. Well, first of all, thank you. It's been, it was, you know, the fact that we had all of our bills signed speaks to what a great job the team did down there. Jonathan, you are, Mr. Freeman, you have just been phenomenal in this position. So thank you very, very much. So advisors, if you do have questions, could you please put your lights on? Mr. Crony.

[01:05:00] Thank you, Mr. Randall, and thank you, Mr. Freeman, for all your work. So I read that the General Assembly approved an Appropriation Act for \$150,000 to do a study for Oak Hill. Do you know if that's going to be completed before the General Assembly in 2026?

[01:05:24] We can go back and look. I thought that that study was essentially done last year by DCR, which is what we utilized to lobby the General Assembly this year on. And, you know, some folks in Senate Finance did want to essentially continue to look at that study as the executive summary came out at the end of January, which is about a week before crossover, and then the full study came out about a week before the end of session.

[01:05:52] And so we're going to utilize that study to continue working the General Assembly. But, again, I think we're in a really good posture to get it done. Yeah, and I've already met with Delegate Reed about it, so I know he's on appropriations. So I know he's planning to put together a bill for Oak Hill.

[01:06:09] I did ask him to include funding for staffing because I know the governor's proposal did not include staffing, But I do think the state should be staffing positions since it will be a state park.

[01:06:26] So I talked with him about that. But, yeah, he is putting together a bill. Do you know, regarding the data centers, I see some made it through. Is there an opportunity to look at changing rates for different, you know, for the high energy facilities versus the consumers?

[01:06:48] I saw a few of them made it in, but it was kind of confusing language, so I don't know if that's something that is feasible, charging different rates. Thank you, Colleen.

[01:07:03] We're going to have Colleen from Economic Development. So one of the bills is going to look at that and the rates across all of the different categories of consumers, so we do expect that that study will reveal whether or not there will be changes to any classification under the different rates.

[01:07:21] Okay, thank you. and then you might as well stay up because I was wondering what this virtual power plant pilot program is. Do you have any information on that? So we do know a little bit about it, but it's going to look at the SAC for approval to conduct a pilot program. So it is pretty early stages. We don't have a lot of the details at this point, but I know we'll be working closely with Mr. Freeman and the patrons of that bill to make sure that we fully understand the details once the details of the pilot program are released. Okay. Thank you, Colleen. Thank you.

[01:07:52] Thank you, Madam Chair. One easy, one really hard, which I can't possibly answer, and if you can, you need to find another job because it's not paying enough for this one. The easy one is I get the impression from the body language of reading your report that the governor and a significant part of the General Assembly wants to pass Oak Hill.

[01:08:14] They want to make Oak Hill a reality. There are some things going on right now. I understand that. It's been deferred to the next session. but I generally get a positive feeling from the body that they want to try and make Oak Hill happen. Is that a reasonable body language, Reed?

[01:08:32] Absolutely. I think that there are a few, you know, elements of Oak Hill that we were able to successfully lobby for support on, one of which, you know, a huge thank you to the board, of course, \$22 million put aside for acquisition of Oak Hill.

[01:08:51] And so the state essentially does not have to put anything up for the acquisition. The study showed that the endowment, which at this point I want to say is about 46 and a half million, will grow about 8 percent year over year.

[01:09:07] And that's a conservative estimate from the study. And so essentially there won't be any money needed from the state for at least the next 10 years is essentially what the study showed. And so I think there's a lot of positive outlook on Oak Hill being acquired by the state for the purposes of a state park.

[01:09:27] Okay, and now the impossible question. There were, I'm going to say conservatively, dozens and dozens of data center bills in this session. My impression from the short time I was down there and looking at the bills, they were largely uncorrelated, uncoordinated.

[01:09:48] virtual power plant it could be a great idea it's in isolation is there any conceivable mechanism that you can think because if ever there was a need for an integrated synergistic collaborative strategy to data centers in loudon county and in the commonwealth i mean it this this is the case where you need to do that piecemeal is not just it just isn't going to hack it is there any mechanism at all that you can think of within the general assembly that would i mean i'd have high hopes for J-Lock and basically just said we got a real problem here and that was its conclusion.

[01:10:21] Is there any mechanism you can see that would correlate all of these different bills into a coherent strategy? Oh, in terms of an omnibus data center bill basically? Yeah, I didn't even think that, but

yeah, that's what I would call it. You know, I think that that's something that we can look at with staff and, you know, essentially talk to some stakeholders about.

[01:10:46] I have not heard of an omnibus bill on data centers coming forward. So, thank you. Mr. Attorney, was your light on before I called Mr. Attorney? I don't know. It was right around the same time you went to him. I don't think it was, but this is another brilliant item. I thought of something after Supervisor DeCrony's.

[01:11:02] I'll allow it. Okay. Two quick things for the next session. So, I brought it up with the Sheriff's Office about e-bikes and scooters and how to classify them. So I asked the sheriff's office to work with us on specific language related to having limits apply to their use and some safety provisions.

[01:11:25] The current code, I think, is really out of date. It sort of treats them as if they're bicycles, except for class three, which are the highest engines. But I think the ones that are active in the community are probably not class three, but they're essentially unregulated.

[01:11:41] So that's one thing. And the second thing, which is along the same lines, are muffler and vehicle noise. General Assembly's been all over the place on this. So they started allowing it, I think, as a primary again. But the reality is that the code doesn't really set any limits.

[01:11:58] So what we hear from the sheriff's office is even if they're trying to enforce this, it's very subjective. And they don't, you know, it's the modifications that they're going to get to. But as they say, they're not going to take a car up on a lift and try to figure out there on the side of the road whether it's been modified.

[01:12:14] So there's got to be some other solution there. We get a lot of complaints related to loud muffler, exhaust, racing, those kind of things. So those two issues, I don't know if you work directly with the sheriff's office during the beginning stages of this, but I've asked them to engage.

[01:12:32] I know Supervisor Crony is attending or involved in a meeting that some of the HOAs are having on this as well. So there's a particular sheriff's deputy who's extremely knowledgeable on the code and could tell you more than you ever wanted to know about why it's hard to enforce, and he has some ideas on, you know, how to change it, so I just ask that we be able to work on that.

[01:12:54] Great job. Great year. Thank you very much, and I think the way the General Assembly session runs, we'll start this again in about three weeks. Thanks. Appreciate it. Well, Madam Chair, I did send an e-mail for the 2026 legislative request. Okay, you can go -- yeah, thank you, thank you, Jonathan.

[01:13:11] Thank you. That's very helpful. And that's not even the federal stuff yet. This is just the state. Yep, yep. Thank you so much. All right, and our last information item, everyone, and we're running right on schedule here, is the countywide diversity, equity, and inclusion annual report.

[01:13:29] Would Mr. Rush and any staff he's just bringing, please come to the table. I was going to say you're writing so low tonight, but no, Ms. Quentin's going to help you.

[01:13:55] There is a presentation. It is seven slides. I would like to see the presentation, so Mr. Rush, whenever you are ready, that's fine.

[01:14:06] Mr. Rush, before you start, are you substituting in general the word inclusion for the word accessibility?

[01:14:45] Are those two words interchangeable in the thinking of your department and how you do this? No. They're two separate things. They're two separate things. But there is overlap between them as well. Okay.

[01:15:00] only ask that because every time we come here, you know, I ask about those accessibility issues and I see the overlap, but maybe we have a larger discussion on the accessibility focus. Okay. Thank you. Ready when you are.

[01:15:20] All right. Good evening, Chair Render, members of the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to present the Countywide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Annual Report for FY25. It is both a privilege and an honor to share with you the significant progress that's been made and the key milestones that we've achieved over the last fiscal year.

[01:15:42] So a little bit of the background, as you know, January 2023, the board adopted its foundational resolution to establish clear and purposeful framework to guide our equity efforts. This resolution set forth strategic goals and directives that have since been informed the county's policies and practices.

[01:16:01] The annual report you will hear today fulfills the board's directives for annual reporting while also underscoring the steadfast commitment of county staff to advancing fairness access and opportunity across all sectors of county government in our community. The areas of focus that this report highlights are six area key focuses that really come from the equity resolution, its strategic planning, education and awareness, our county operations, equal employment opportunity, our data analytics reporting, and our community engagement.

[01:16:33] Each of these areas reflect an intentional and coordinated approach to embedding these principles into our organizational culture and service delivery. So a few of our key accomplishments for FY25 among this year's most impactful accomplishments is the development of Loudon Equity Action Plan. It's a three-year strategic roadmap developed with the input with nearly 4,000 employees and they provided valuable feedback from the stakeholders across our organization.

[01:16:59] The plan outlines six guiding goals that outline the board's priorities and provide shared framework to inform decision making and our daily operations across departments. Throughout FY25 the county has also made significant strides in cultivating its culture of continuous learning. Nearly 785 county employees and more than 300 county partners engaged in professional development in our initiatives.

[01:17:25] These efforts were consistent and earned satisfaction ratings above 90 percent when we had our surveys demonstrating strong support and effectiveness. We also expanded our central digital resource hub offering user-friendly tools and targeted content to help our staff to provide exceptional services to our residents. Our commitment to our partnership and our regional collaboration remains strong. Loudoun continues to play a leading role in our equity-focused efforts across the region including our active participation in COG as well as our economic mobility cohorts and GAER as well. Our leadership is further highlighted by the role that I serve

[01:18:02] as a co-chair on COGS Chief Equity Officers Committee where we help to shape the regional strategies and promote shared learning. Locally we have taken a lead on a lot of initiatives that have come from the board. One mainly is the completion of the two-year study of the operation of segregated schools in Loudoun County which offers a detailed account of our educational history from the 1880s to the 1970s

this important work provides a foundation for the community dialogue as well staff plans to return to the board soon with recommendations and proposed next steps a further year directive to explore the creation of a human rights commission reflects a

[01:18:38] deep and ongoing commitment to ensuring laden county remains a place where every individual feels value heard and safe staff has already initiated preliminary research and development on this and will soon present potential structure roles and next steps for your consideration.

[01:18:53] And additionally in collaboration with our partners like the Loudon Chamber and the Multiculture Advisory Committee, we continue to strengthen our collective ability to create accessible inclusive pathways for our residents. So looking forward to our next steps and looking ahead, the annual report outlines key next steps to build on this progress, the full implementation of the Loudon Equity Action Plan across all departments.

[01:19:18] We will also look to develop department-specific impact plans, continue with our board initiatives that we have been charged to do, as well as the development of data analytics and dashboards that are more facing that really give a snapshot of where we are in the stream of time with our initiatives, as well as organizational support.

[01:19:41] And we continue our strong collaboration with our regional stakeholders and our community partners, and our focus will continue in our six focus areas were outlined in the equity resolution. So on behalf of staff, I wanted to extend my sincere gratitude to you and the board for your unwavering support and leadership. The strides that we've made reflect our commitment to creating a government and a community where every person has the opportunity to thrive. And with that, I yield. Thank you so much, Mr. Rush.

[01:20:09] Really appreciate it. So if you have questions, put your lights on, please. I am looking. I am looking. I am calling Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Another impossible question. Sorry. this is wonderful work it's really extraordinary work and this is a really i think enviable program the tools that we've put in place um i was at an event some months ago and uh got into a fairly testy exchange with someone and that was in a staunch advocate for killing all dei programs

[01:20:44] and i i said uh she said we should do that i said why and she said prove it works and i didn't have have an answer. I said it's the right thing to do. An answer, but it was not a definitive answer.

[01:21:01] There were a number of cases in the report. This is not intended as a criticism because it's a new program, and this is not as surprising. But I'm looking at page 34. You don't need to go there. But it talks about the equity review using the PEAT, the policy equity analysis tool. And my question on the margin was, what are the results? The report's full of outputs, but I really had to dig to find outcomes. And that's how I answer that question. I found one article online that

[01:21:36] showed data that shows that diverse workplaces are more productive, hard data. And I don't know what those metrics are for these entire programs, but as soon as possible, if we can begin to demonstrate positive outcomes from the application of our programs, I think it would really, really go a long way towards proving the efficacy of this program.

[01:22:02] It infuriates me to get into a conversation with somebody who's effectively arguing, no, no, I think we should be inequitable and non-diverse in our workplace, which though they will always say, no,

there's no problem there, that's what they're really saying is, no, we want it to be non-inclusive and we don't want it to be diverse.

[01:22:20] I want the tools to be able to have that coherent argument with hard data in my hand. So it's just a comment. Thank you. It's really good work. I appreciate it. Thank you. So, you know, it's an interesting discussion. You know, one of the things, as somebody in the mental health field, people always ask us to prove prevention works, you know, prove that it works.

[01:22:41] And when we were writing some of our grants to get money for prevention, we did find metrics and ways to prove it works. But there's also some just obvious things. The segregated study recaptures history. I just did the State of the County Address and talked a good deal about the Percival Braves.

[01:22:59] A number of people who came up to me and said, I've never heard about that before. Oftentimes, the people who get to tell history tell the history they want to tell. And so something that might be a discussion people no longer want to have, like segregation, doesn't get told correctly in history.

[01:23:17] And the issue is, you know, sometimes people look at a DEIA program and they think it's to blame somebody. And that's the wrong way to look at this. It's never to blame. It's never about blaming or saying you should give me this or you should, none of that stuff.

[01:23:33] Sometimes it's just about capturing history. This is all the history of Loudoun, the history of our commonwealth, the history of our country. And there's nothing wrong with capturing history. In fact, we are stronger because of the history that we capture and we know we have worked or are working our way through.

[01:23:51] And so anyone who believes that these programs shouldn't be discussed with this stuff and has to be proved, perhaps they're looking at it with an am I guilty point of view versus let's look at this history, let's look how far we've come, let's look how much we've done.

[01:24:07] You know, as I sit here on this dais, the first person of color to ever be elected a chair in Virginia's history, I sit here on this dais in the place where the – in the state where there was the head of Confederacy. I sit here on this dais in the school system that was the last to integrate and that made Douglas School sell them – sell the school building to the school administration for \$1.

[01:24:34] dollar. When we look how far we've come, there's a lot of work to do. There's a lot of work to do. There's a lot of work to be proud of. And sometimes because this history wasn't captured and kept, we don't even know what we have and what we've done. And so I am not getting in conversations with people that tell me to prove my worth or to prove my history or to prove anything. Those are not conversations I'm going to have. My question would be prove it doesn't. Prove you shouldn't know history. Prove this is not something you should be

[01:25:10] involved in. I think this is incredible and very, very important work. The one thing I would say, and I say this every single time, is we have to talk more about accessibility. We can talk about everything we want to, but for our friends and neighbors who do not have access to our parks and different spaces because of a disability, if they're not being served well, then we're still failing. So that would be the one thing I would say. So thank you, Mr. Rush. Thank you, Mr. Quintine, to your staff. Mr. Rush, thank you very much. You

[01:25:40] guys have done a fantastic job. I appreciate it. Okay, that was, we have finished our items, our information items before we have even got to 530, which is phenomenal. So what I could do because we have a well to 5:30. Ms. Glass, how about we go on and do your action item because we can get it done in a pretty short order and then we can go on and step to the resolutions. So Supervisors, there's an action item that Ms. Glass has on the Milestone

[01:26:19] Belmont interchange and what we're going to do, the reason this shouldn't be too terrible Because she has, the applicants have asked that the part of it be, the legy item is delayed until September.

[01:26:37] So we're just now doing the CPMT item, correct, Ms. Glass? All right. Do you have a motion for the CPMT item? Is there staff here for this item? I'm sorry, I didn't hear you. Oh, the speakers on this item, then never mind.

[01:26:55] Scratch all that I said. I didn't realize there were speakers on this items. We do not do items. We have speakers on. Thank you for telling me that. I appreciate that. We'll do this item later. Okay, let's try this then, 'cause I think all of our items probably do have speakers. Let me try this then. We have three resolutions for a presentation.

[01:27:17] Mr. Crony's gonna join me down front for two. I'm assuming that Mr. and Ms. Rivas, you're here, right, for the Boston parents. You are there. You are here. That's wonderful. Tony, is your student here for the poet laureate person?

[01:27:34] Is she here yet? Are they all there? All the students are here for the poet laureate program? That's wonderful. So how about this? Is everybody here for Moms Demand Action who's coming? Everyone who's coming? Okay, we're going to do this then.

[01:27:50] We are rocking and rolling. Let's do Moms Demand Action first. May I please have the Moms Demand Action resolutions? Do you have those?

[01:28:06] the door go over to the side and sign resolutions here for the moms demand action resolution join me down front please no it's not the moms demand action resolution it's the it's the gun safety

[01:28:44] awareness resolution i am sorry come down front well i called it the wrong thing that too i will say it correctly who's who co-sponsored this you did come in now come down i know that did you did you come come down if you co-sponsored this come down here with me how's that sound hi how are you Good to see you right here good to see you

[01:29:20] Miss Bricksman could not be here with us this evening And I did call her and I said she wants to go on with it because if you want us to hold it We can do you come back and she said nope go on and do it So we're going to go on and do it but everyone who you see here has actually has actually Co-sponsored the National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and we have people who here Who are from mom demands action who are really focused on?

[01:29:54] preventing gun violence prevention education safe storage all those types of things so we're going to read the resolution and who's going to speak for you all it's going to be you carrie all right resolution for non-national gun violence awareness day whereas every day 125 people in the united states are killed by gun violence and more than 260 are shot and wounded with an average of more than 1,900 gun homicides every year. And whereas people in the United States are 26 times more

[01:30:32] likely to die by gun violence than people in other high-income countries. And whereas Virginia has the 34th highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S., with an average of 1,200 deaths every year and a rate of 13.6 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that cost the Commonwealth \$14.2 billion each each year, of which \$288 million is being paid for by taxpayers.

[01:31:00] And whereas in Loudoun County since 2020, 47% of total homicides were gun-related, with gun-related homicides increasing by four in 2024 alone, and one in fatal gun-related homicide occurring in the first half of 2025.

[01:31:20] And whereas on June 6, supporters across the United States will wear orange the color of hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves, a color symbolic of the value of human life and inspired by an awareness campaign commemorating the life of Hadia Pennington to raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims, survivors, and loved ones of those victims.

[01:31:46] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim June 6, 2025, its National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Loudoun County and affirms its commitment to reduce gun violence and the pledge to continue encouraging responsible gun ownership to help our families and communities remain safe.

[01:32:09] Very good. Thank you. That you can clap for. Before I hand the microphone, I want to say something that's important. Nowhere in this resolution is it talking about taking anyone's guns, removing anyone's guns. This resolution literally just says, let's be aware of gun violence so we can decrease the rates of people who are losing their lives.

[01:32:31] That's literally all this says. I would think that every person in the United States of America could sign on and support this type of resolution. Thank you all for signing this and for doing this for our county.

[01:32:48] Thanks for the unexpected opportunity to speak. We do Wear Orange every year at the month of June, but June 6th is the primary day. One of the things that we'll be doing for Wear Orange this year is our blood drive. So if anyone is interested in participating in that with us, the kickoff will be Saturday, June 7th at Inova at Dulles.

[01:33:07] But it's open and available all week. We do a lot of education with Moms Demand Action. It's for mothers and others, so it doesn't have to be just for moms. But a lot of our moms are out and about right now. So sorry there aren't more of us here for you. Yes, we have a student's demand action as an option as well.

[01:33:26] Yes, so we'd love to have some youth involved. We do a lot of education on be smart and secure storage. One of our biggest problems in Loudoun County is firearms in vehicles that are not secured safely. And those are like crimes of opportunity, right? People don't lock up their vehicles, which is not a way to store your firearm.

[01:33:44] And so the youth are getting that and having access to firearms that they shouldn't have. So that is a big one that we need to work on in Loudoun County as well. But there's a lot of work to do, and we would love the help, and we'd love to see you at our blood drive this weekend if you would like to come. Thank you. Where is the blood drive?

[01:34:00] It is at Inova, Dulles, across from Nothing Bunt Cake. You probably know. I want to say that firearm victims are five times more likely to need blood transfusions and usually use about ten times the amount of blood as other serious injuries.

[01:34:16] So it's really important that we reduce gun violence and we increase our blood supply. And obviously really important that we have a blood supply that can accommodate all of the needs that we have in our county. So thank you. Supervisors, Kroni and Umstead, why don't you all come on and come down, too, because you would be the only supervisors on the dais right now.

[01:34:37] So how about you come down and join us as well? Anybody else? All right. Well, when they come down, we're going to – you want to hold this one? You want to hold that proclamation? Okay. We're going to take a picture.

[01:34:55] Mr. Crony, you want to come down with me?

[01:36:01] I have them. No, I do. I have foster care parents. You're doing both. Yeah, you're on call with me. Will the foster care parents please come down, please? Thank you. Come right through here.

[01:36:28] Anybody else you want to have come with you? How are you? Thank you so much for coming in. All right, I want to make sure. Hi, how are you? It's Juan and Juan.

[01:36:45] Joanna. Joanna, Juan and Joanna. Wonderful. I like your glasses. Hi, how are you? So at the Council of Governments, which Mr. Crony is in the Council of Governments with us, every year they do recognize foster parents for every locality in the Council of Governments.

[01:37:04] And we're always so thrilled to have you all come down and you will be doing that. And there's a video and all those types of things that you all are allowed in County Foster Care Parents of the Year, which is very exciting. We will see the video when we go to COG and you're coming there. So it's COG, you're going to have a really good time.

[01:37:21] Fostering is so important and so hard, and so thank you very much. I'm going to read the resolution, and if you all want to say anything, you can, and then we will see you on the Council of Governments as well, okay? All right. Where is Juan and it's Joanna?

[01:37:38] And Joanna Rivas became approved foster parents with the Loudoun County Department of Family Services on December 14, 2018, and since their approval have served as foster parents and respite providers to nine children and adolescents.

[01:37:54] And whereas Mr. and Mrs. Rivas consistently answered the call to assist a child in need and treat every child that enters their home as a member of their family. And whereas Mr. and Mrs. Rivas appreciates the uniqueness of each child they care for and adopt to meet the variety of needs.

[01:38:13] And whereas the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments will recognize Mr. and Mrs. Rivas as the Loudoun County Foster Parents of the Year and honor them for their unwavering commitment to children of Loudoun County. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Juan and Joanna Rivas as Loudoun County's 2025 Foster Parents of the Year for their care, compassion, and dedication to the children of Loudoun County.

[01:38:43] Would you like to say anything before? Okay. Would either one of you, any of you like to speak? She looked at him and went, no. I just wanted to thank the department for always supporting us and always being very helpful, and thank you to everyone who's involved.

[01:39:04] Thank you very much. You want to talk about fostering just in general and the need? The need, how about that, yeah? Always a need for fostering. May, we just ended Foster Parent Appreciation or Foster Care Awareness Month, So, we have started to put more on the government's website, a call to action for more foster parents in Loudoun County.

[01:39:30] We need every type of family, single parents, two-parent household. If you've parented, if you have not parented, we have needs for children from ages zero all the way up to 21, who are not children officially, but are still involved with the agency.

[01:39:49] So we always have a large need for families. Give us a call. We have information sessions. We just did one last week. We have one in June, July, and August. If you look on the government's website, there are, and there will be constant flow of information on when those are.

[01:40:06] So you can come and just listen to see if you are interested and if it's the right time for your family. Thank you. And so no matter the age of somebody who might want to foster, that could happen. You just have to be 18.

[01:40:25] Okay, wonderful. Thank you very much.

[01:40:28] I'm going to hand you for Loudon's Poet Laureate Program.

[01:41:24] The Youth Poet Laureate, come down, please. We do. I'm sorry?

[01:41:45] So I'm thrilled to be doing this.

[01:42:03] This is the first year of the Loudon Youth Poet Laureate Program. I'll read the proclamation and then we'll introduce the poets. And also I want to give a cheer out for Jessica because she started this program.

[01:42:21] So we'll talk about that too. So a resolution for the Loudoun Youth Poet Laureate Program. Whereas the Loudoun Youth Poet Laureate Program serves as an inspiration for the youth to use their voice as a means for change while teaching beauty within poetry.

[01:42:39] And whereas the program is open to all youth ages 13 to 19 in Loudoun County and surrounding counties, and whereas the Loudoun Youth Poet Laureate Program had their first ceremony with Krisha Datwali, I said that right, yep, winning first place for her work and a \$1,000 scholarship, and whereas Jessica Monti used her own resources, money, and time to establish a chapter in Loudoun County as part of the National Youth Poet Laureate, and whereas the Loudoun Youth Poet Laureate Program

[01:43:15] empowers the younger generations to advocate for not only themselves, but also for others, fostering an understanding of the true power of their voice and the impact they can have through self-expression. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Krisha Datwali, the Loudon Youth Poet Laureate Program, and Jessica Monty for their exemplary contributions and dedication to poetry and the empowerment of younger generations.

[01:43:49] So, yay! So, I think we're going to have a poem, right? Did you want to read your poem? Fabulous. Yes, go ahead. Why don't we do that first? I want to recognize our Youth Poet Ambassadors.

[01:44:08] So today we're joined by Karin June, Ojasfi Rahmani, Dominic Runsky, Prachi Thakkar, Krisha Dodiwala is our Youth Poet Laureate, and Jessica Awuwa, correct, right?

[01:44:25] Great, thank you. Before we do that, I think there was one thing said in that resolution, and I don't want to pass it by. It said that, which school did you're a teacher at? Remember my university. She said that she used her own resources and time to do this, and this is what educators do.

[01:44:43] They go so far beyond what is the requirements, and they do things to take care of our young people. Educators across the board are incredible, and you have been incredible in Loudoun County for years. So I just want to stop for a second and recognize and appreciate you as well.

[01:45:00] I want to start off by saying never truer words have been said. Ms. Monty is an inspiration to us all, especially me. I mean, the amount of dedication and time she's put into this program, into Loudoun Community Press and to the supporting teens in the arts all over Loudoun County is truly inspirational.

[01:45:24] And that dedication is incredible. She's also an incredibly kind person who's always there for you. So I really want to thank Ms. Monty. I also want to thank the entire Board of Supervisors for supporting this program. The arts are something that can always use more support and more encouragement, especially in our generation, where it's so easy to be fake about it, but the dedication of all the other youth poet laureates is truly inspirational as well. So as was mentioned, my name is Krisha Dotywala. I'm a sophomore at Briarwoods High School in Ashburn, Virginia, and I'm going to read a poem that I wrote called This Land in Between. This poem is inspired by Loudoun County as a whole.

[01:46:04] It was the moment when I decided that this is going to be the Where I'm From poem, and that's basically to say what is this place that I'm from what are these people that surround me what are these people that make me me and because of this I wrote this land in between and it goes out to all of the people that are different from each other all of the people that see all the divides but still they love this land because in the end we're all really true Americans this place in between like a stop in a scene on our road trip to tomorrow the tomorrow you dreamt the tomorrow

[01:46:42] that is unknown on the wings of wishes you came to this place in between where every person is a different aspect of the landscape where every story clashes and collides till you see this land is carried by their stories our stories where immigrant is a word pressed in the ground by their hard working feet till that fern can become a fossil in antarctica and no one says it doesn't belong that fern is evidence and so are we this land in between this land on the road to dreams where

[01:47:19] people come leaving behind everything but change in their pocket and history in their hands where a girl like me can sit under the clear sky and dream dreams are our second language and the first is covered in the twists of struggle where we are built on the backs of men and women who feared nothing to give us everything so we can say my country tis of thee i dream where we the people includes me and you this land is a place where people come and can't leave because the song of

[01:47:55] in between is a sweet melody that becomes a part of your beating heart where hopes of tomorrow are sung into today where stories of today are fables of tomorrow and the fables of tomorrow they'll speak of how we rose, how roots planted in borrowed soil were nurtured and bloomed. And from dreams and many tongues comes a song in one voice, a song of arrival and of becoming. The sound of footsteps echoes still with names etched in spirit, and we will remain as keepers who turn this land in

[01:48:33] between into home thank you generation z we're going to um i we are i am humbled to be um to have heard that that was that was phenomenal you're a sophomore good lord so um i do want to just give a shout out to jessica monte she's such a leader in the community

[01:49:10] and you're an inspiration Jessica and pulling this together for our talented youth i mean And, you know, she saw the need and she saw, you know, the opportunity to bring these youth out to the fore and show their talents and how capable they are.

[01:49:27] It's just I really thank you, Jessica, for putting this together. So September 2025, you can put in an application. Do you want to tell about how people can get involved? Oh, actually, we have an open mic this Friday at Blend at 5 p.m. if anyone wants to come perform.

[01:49:45] And we will also be offering poetry workshops at the senior centers across Loudoun County this summer. But you have to be a senior citizen. And, yes, the competition opens in September. And you can just go to loudounyouth.org and apply there.

[01:50:03] Thank you so much. Let's get a picture.

[01:50:33] Come closer.

[01:51:02] Thank you, everyone, for coming.

[01:52:29] We appreciate you. All right, we're still a little outside of public comments that start at 6 o'clock. So just give me one second. You know what we could do, because let me see if I have any speakers on the, we could do the, just let me see, cross trail exactly.

[01:52:52] We have speakers on cross trail? I guess all we're doing is moving it to someplace else. Okay, let's do nominations. If you have any nominations, put your lights on, please. - Mr. Crony.

[01:53:10] - Thank you, Chair Randall. I nominate Jim Bingle to the Environmental Commission as the Environmental Planner SME, Eric Deaver to the Environmental Commission as the Natural Resources Water Quality Representative, William Marsh to the Environmental Commission as the Engineer with LEED AP, and Morris Myers to the Environmental Commission as the sustainable energy SME.

[01:53:39] Is that, is Jim Mingle a re-nomination? Yes. Because she's on there, is she about to? Yeah, these are all re-nominations. They're about to time out and pass off? Yeah, yeah. Sounds good. Ms. Glass? Thank you, Madam Chair. I nominate Christopher Powell to serve as the subject matter expert, clean transportation member on the environmental commission.

[01:54:02] I nominate Ms. Kathleen Leonard to serve the public utility electric member the environmental commission is this anyone's phone on the dais okay good this wasn't somebody who came in and needed to need to have the phone back mr sanes thank you madam chair um i think i heard morris meyer already he's a reappointment from sterling thank you mr tony for that

[01:54:36] I will nominate Kelsey Crane for a member of the environmental organizations that represent and supports underrepresented populations. Okay. All right. What we're going to do, we are nine minutes early for public comments, so what I'm going to do is this.

[01:54:54] I'm going to start calling names people for public comments. If you are not here, if they are not here, that is fine. When it gets to be six o'clock, I will go back up to the top and nominate people from the top down. start right now nominating people for public comment. I also do want to recognize that even though he is not sitting next to me on the dais anymore, former supervisor Tony Buffington can still make me laugh and smile as he's been doing from the audience for about 20 minutes now. So Mr. Buffington, welcome back to the boardroom, sir. It's good to see you.

[01:55:28] All right. So I'm going to call you in advance. If you're here, you can come up to and speak. If you're not, I will circle back around to your name at 6 o'clock. If they're still not here at 6 o'clock, then they would have missed their speaking opportunity. But we are about seven minutes early, so I'll start calling names right now. The first name of this person is online is Bhavanna Chad Chandak.

[01:55:52] Is that person here online? Hey, how are you? Very good. All righty. Good evening, esteemed supervisors. I'm here today to discuss the proposed transmission lines for Dominion Energy's project specifically the broad potential impact on our community as you consider the route options I urge you to prioritize the well-being of our residents option 5 which affects 5,000 people across 12

[01:56:23] communities including LV2, LV Estates, Loudoun Hospital, Moorfield Elementary, Primrose Preschool, Stonehill Middle School and Stone Ridge Senior Community is not the best choice. The potential health risks associated with having power lines so close to densely populated areas cannot be ignored. There are no long-term studies on the effects of such massive projects on the human brain and I speak from personal experience last year I suffered two ruptured brain aneurysms

[01:57:00] which brought me and my life to a standstill I'm still dealing with the side effects of this neurological disorder while I understand that every route comes with some disruption I implore you to choose the path of the least harm grounded in compassion data and long-term public health. If underground transmission lines are not feasible, I strongly recommend choosing Route 3A over Route 5. This option is away from the schools, does not cross the school property, and would minimize the impact on our community and prioritize the health and safety of our residents,

[01:57:39] including our kids. Let's choose people over convenience and opt for the route that causes the least harm. I urge you to consider the long-term consequences of your decision and choose responsibly. Choose Route 3A and let's work together to ensure the well-being of our community. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Karen Moscato, followed by Guy Frankenfield.

[01:58:08] Good evening, ma'am. Good evening. How are you? Well, good. My name is Karen Moscato and I'm one of the homeowners in Regency Belmont and Ms. Glass region of the Broad Run District. We emailed an opposition letter to you over the weekend and then I think you all have hard copies of some of the documentation that we sent you regarding the coverage of Verizon service in our area.

[01:58:36] There are only three of us speaking tonight, but I do have a lot of representatives from my community here if you want to just stand briefly. So when I first started looking at this project, it just, I was looking for complaints, like Verizon complaints, FCC complaints, Board of Supervisors complaints.

[01:58:54] I didn't see anything. EMS says there's no issue, and most of the things we were hearing were anecdotal. And for every story they told, we had two stories that didn't support their position. So I started really digging into what was going on and looking at their applications.

[01:59:11] And it seems like both of our cable providers, Verizon and Xfinity, have decided not to deploy fiber optic cable in the two new residential areas by our homes. The B's are in Pulte homes.

[01:59:28] Instead, they're going to rely on what they call fixed wireless or wireless access service to provide home internet to these customers. It's a new service. It's very 5G intensive. I've sent you links to each of the companies that's offering the service, and this is what is making sense.

[01:59:45] If they're not laying fiber optic cables, they have to provide this service somehow, and it's over this fixed wireless service. I think I sent you an investor's report also showing you the impact that Verizon expects it to have. So, we're not seeing this massive lack of coverage in our area, and if Verizon and Xfinity choose to deploy their internet services in some other method, we shouldn't be disadvantaged by having this giant monopoly so close to residential housing in a senior community and a workforce assistant housing.

[02:00:25] So, we ask you to vote no on this proposal. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Guy Frankenfield, you will be followed by Betsy Scotto-Lavino and James Russell. Good evening.

[02:00:46] Good evening, Chair Randall and supervisors. My wife and I live in the Regency at Belmont Community, located just south of Claiborne and Route 7 interchange. The proposed 150-foot-tall cell tower is not compatible with the elevations of the nearby residential properties and would be intrusive and detrimental to our community.

[02:01:11] If built, this tower would be only 380 feet from the Ashburn Chase apartments with no natural screenings. How close is 380 feet? If you were to walk out the main entrance of this building, look across the parking lot at fireworks, you would see a 150-foot-tall cell tower erected in the parking lot just on this side of the restaurant.

[02:01:35] At the May 14th public hearing, Milestone provided a project document that included dozens of renderings of what the tower at Claiborne might look like. These tower mock-ups were developed to downplay the visual impact to our community because of the vantage points that were selected.

[02:01:55] Vantage points from long distances, at ground level, behind trees, under power lines, even showing power lines that do not exist today. All to give you the illusion that the visual impact of this cell tower would be insignificant.

[02:02:14] But there were no views of the tower from our community. Therefore, we developed renderings from vantage points within our community. Using pictures from Milestone's Balloon Fly event, we developed realistic mock-ups from our main entrance, our main street, and from one of the rooftop terraces of our townhomes.

[02:02:34] Please refer to Exhibit 1, where we've created those visuals and we've provided them to you. The proposed tower project is not like the existing tower at Route 28 and Route 7 interchange. That terrain is undulating.

[02:02:51] The nearest home is almost twice the distance as it is from the Chase apartments. There are four single-family homes within 1,000 feet, and all have large trees that are screening the view.

[02:03:09] Instead, the Claiborne Interchange Tower location is flat. No natural barriers, with a clear view of the apartments and our townhomes. Please review our visuals that show the negative impact that this tower will have on our community, and then please vote no.

[02:03:26] Thank you, sir. Thank you. Thank you. Betsy Scotto-Lavino, followed by James Russell, followed by Thomas David. Good evening. Good evening. I'm Betsy Scotta-Lavino, a board member of the Friends of the Franklin Park Arts Center, a nonprofit, 501c3, whose mission is to support the Franklin Park Performing Arts and Visual Center.

[02:03:50] Our goal is to help keep Latin citizens connected to the arts through programs that engage audiences with artists and performers and through these experiences to build a stronger community. We'd like to share with you some of the ways that we support the Art Center and some of our successes over the past fiscal year.

[02:04:08] A number of performances were presented with our financial help. Each year, we sponsor a Gold Star Performance Series featuring artists from around the state and region. 100% supported by the Friends, we cover performer fees, hotels, and food. We also assist with grant applications to the Virginia Commission for the Arts, sponsors several visual art exhibits in the gallery, and annually fund a series of films.

[02:04:34] The Art Center public-facing website is entirely supported, designed, and maintained by the Friends, providing a portal for the public to purchase tickets, enter art shows, and learn about upcoming programs. In fiscal year 2025, approximately 29,000 active users visited the website, providing Art Center staff with online visitor and demographic information.

[02:04:57] These are important aids in planning future programs. We know that the arts are powerful drivers of economic growth and social cohesion across the nation and the Commonwealth. Here in Loudoun, we can clearly see the economic impact of our support for programs at the Art Center.

[02:05:13] In fiscal year 2025, \$57,000 was generated directly to artists in the form of performance fees, art sales, and cash awards. We're pleased with the role we play in helping generate some of those dollars are proud to support the Loudoun Arts community as a whole. We hear from both performing and visual artists that the Arts Center is a focal point for them and for the Loudoun Arts community.

[02:05:37] We also partner with other county arts organizations and board members provided input to the county's Eastern Loudoun Arts Center Plan and the Comprehensive Arts Plan. With our support, Franklin Park Performing and Visual Arts Center continues to be a centerpiece for the arts in Loudoun County.

[02:05:55] we invite each of you to visit the art center attend performances view exhibits and enjoy the arts experiences that we help present and a larger statement with more detailed information has been submitted along with this for your review thank you very much for your time thank you so much thank you um james russell follows by excuse me followed by thomas david followed by colleen david good evening good evening um recently uh one of these people in the community of advocates for

[02:06:30] the palestinians of loudon county told me that when we started coming in here over a year ago now with the intention of pursuing a ceasefire resolution a friend from another county or state that was they pursued a similar result they warned a friend of mine be patient be patient It will take, it took us three or four months to get a ceasefire resolution out of our local government.

[02:07:01] And over a year after that person was told that, only after a year did they get any public, did the Palestinians of this county get any acknowledgement that they even exist. And I'm genuinely perplexed as to why we even bother.

[02:07:18] If we're never going to have a conversation about whether or not these data centers are a military asset being used in a genocidal military campaign, then I genuinely do not understand why we even acknowledge these people. This genocide is at a point where the entire globe is starting to turn against the government that's carrying this out, and in the hopes of obfuscating the intentions,

[02:07:58] it's as important as it has ever been for that campaign to conflate Judaism with Zionism. Now, I've made clear in these meetings before, every time I leave my house, I'm wearing symbols representing Palestinian identity and dignity.

[02:08:16] I have a flag on my bicycle and I bike everywhere I go. And my anecdotal experience is backed up by the statistics. The majority of Americans who consider themselves supporters of Zionism and supporters of Israeli policy, the majority of those people are not Jews.

[02:08:33] The majority of those people are Christians, like the gentleman the other day who came up to me on the street and told me that the children of Gaza should die a slow and painful death, had a big, shiny cross hanging from his neck.

[02:08:53] Thomas David, followed by Colleen David, followed by Donna Wadowski. Good evening, sir. Good evening. Members of the board, I'd like to present some serious questions for your consideration.

[02:09:09] How much is your peace of mind worth? How about your long-term health? Would you trade it for a sum of money? Or how about the well-being of your children and grandchildren? Is that up for sale? I ask you these pretty easy questions because the only reason I've ever heard from the individuals that are in favor of the intrusion of data centers is that they bring in lots of money, lots of cash.

[02:09:34] If you're being honest, there's really no other conclusion you can reach. Some of the data center proponents want us to believe that they have new ways to curb excessive noise, to lower unwanted pollution, deal with excessive energy use, or mitigate critical water needs. However, what they've never said is that data centers do not present any adverse long-term consequences on a resident's health or well-being. To be frank, I'd rather not be a beta test and find out the hard way. On a related note, the last time I checked, I couldn't find a single data center advocate who lived within 500 feet of a data center.

[02:10:12] I wonder why. Maybe some of the board members can relate to that. One other antidote I'd like you to consider. The other day, I wanted to find a postcard to send to somebody that focused on Loudoun County and some of its attributes. I looked at scores of cards. I found some that had beautiful pictures of some of the historical buildings here, some that highlighted our rolling hills and our lakes and rivers. However, as hard as I tried, I could not find a single postcard that included a data center. But if we're envied by so many folks, why is there not a single postcard

[02:10:50] that highlights the data center? If you're being honest once again, you know the answer. They're an eyesore no matter how hard you try to look the other way. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. David. Colleen David, followed by Donna Wadowski, followed by Robert Badger. Good evening. Good evening, Madam chair board of supervisors since i last spoke before the board i have been made aware of several assertions made by data center developers and others who want to place data centers in

[02:11:26] residential sections of the transition planning area the claims made by these parties have been presented as quote unquote facts but when i looked into the foundation of these claims they fall far short of the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth for example there was a recent meeting between a local homeowners group and a data center developer who wants to insert 13 data centers on 364 acre parcel with land in the tpa that is currently zoned for 10 acre residential lots the developer told the group that if they did not allow for the change in the zoning classification

[02:12:05] they would end up with 800 homes instead of a data center complex that would be about two-thirds the size of the pentagon it didn't take long to conclude that if the 60 364 acre parcel is zoned r10 it

would have 36 homes not 800. during the same exchange with the homeowners the developers claimed that the massive project was a done deal however the actual proffer has not even been fully vetted by the planning commission much less this board therefore the developer either advanced a known falsehood or he knows something about the board that has not been shared with the public

[02:12:43] i have also heard members of this board state that the county needs the additional tax revenue from having data centers and that data center developers are standing in line to come to loudon county if that is true then why is there a movement by county officials to lower the current current data center tax rate. Bear in mind, if a tenant of a data center is a federal government agency or bank processing operation, they are exempt from paying any taxes to the county. Lastly, many of the data centers' companies have requested local officials to sign nondisclosure agreements that would prevent those individuals from sharing information with the public regarding the owners

[02:13:22] of the projects and information related to the possible tenants. Practices of this nature beg the question what is so secret that you don't want the residents of the county to know thank you for your time thank you miss david i have to say that i this is this is my ninth year in office i've never had one data center ask me to sign a non-disclosure agreement and i'm going to ask my colleagues has anyone else ever had that before so just that we we don't we don't do that okay so but thank you thank you for your comments um donald madowski will be followed by um robert badger followed

[02:13:57] by Sarah Hussein Bazar. Good evening. Hi. Chair Randall, it all started with Supervisor Briskman's anti-Semitic messaging almost a year ago, which has metastasized into Jewish hate we see at our board meetings today by the pro-Palestinian protesters and by some of the board members. Week after week, the Loudoun County Jewish community and others have had to endure constant incendiary rhetoric by the pro-Palestinian protesters. Supervisor

[02:14:33] Umstead cares, and she has tried to do something about it. This is not free speech, Chair Randall. It is called intimidation. At the May 20th board meeting, two of the board members ratcheted up their anti-Semitic attacks on Israel. Supervisor Turner said from the dais that the Israel had violated the Geneva Convention by attacking a hospital in Gaza. What he said was categorically false. The hospital is being used as a base camp for Hamas. It is not a violation. Supervisor

[02:15:12] Sainz offered taking divestment information on Israel from the pro-Palestinian protesters. He done said, free Palestine from the dais, an act of defiance. None of these statements are in the best interest of Loudoun County residents. Two days later, two young Israelis were murdered, execution-style, in Washington, D.C., by a Palestinian sympathizer yelling, free Palestine, free Palestine. This is only a short distance from Loudoun County. On June 1st, in Boulder,

[02:15:48] Colorado, a terrorist suspect set fire to 12 Jewish citizens shouting, free Palestine, free Palestine. A copycat hearing, the incendiary rhetoric by the pro-Palestinian protesters by some of the board members could seek to do harm or worse, yet kill a member of the Jewish community in Loudan.

[02:16:11] Chair Randall and the board, how could you live with yourselves knowing you could have done something to prevent it? Instead, some of the board members focus on attacking Sheriff Chapman. Sheriff Chapman and his deputies maintain the public safety by getting the criminals and illegal immigrants off the streets.

[02:16:31] Thank you. And the next speaker will be Robert Badger, followed by Sarah Hussain Bazaar, followed by Brian Turner. Good evening. Good evening, Chair Randall and Supervisors. My name is Bob Badger, and I'm a resident of the Regency of Belmont community.

[02:16:48] I'm also a licensed professional engineer in Virginia. During my 48-year career as a civil engineer, I was involved in cell tower siting and permitting when cell towers were first being installed on a large scale. As a follow-up to the other speakers in our community, we have provided you with substantial evidence that the milestone application for a cell tower does not improve cell coverage, nor is it compatible with the surrounding community.

[02:17:10] You have the Verizon and FCC coverage maps that show widespread quality cellular service already exists in this area. That contradicts the need for improved coverage. You have Verizon documentation associated with the lease negotiations to locate on the Toll Brothers building that were terminated due to financial reasons.

[02:17:27] That contradicts the notion that no rooftop locations are available in this area. You have aerial maps that show the cell tower only 390 feet from the nearest residence that would affect nearly 200 homes. That contradicts the comparison to the Route 7, Route 28 tower that is further away from residences with buffering that affects only four homes and 1,000 feet from the monopole.

[02:17:50] You have the balloon test photos with mock-ups that more accurately show the visual impact of a 150-foot-high tower from our homes. That contradicts the applicant's vanishing point renderings from much further away. Verizon has not shown due diligence in its search for feasible options.

[02:18:08] They've only come up with excuses why this is the only option that meets their needs, lower cost to them at the expense of others. The county's telecommunication plan goals are to minimize the proliferation of towers, encourage carriers to co-locate on existing structures, and ensure compatibility with adjacent land uses by mitigating visual impacts to blend with the natural environment.

[02:18:34] Based on the documentation we provided, the county should not be granting an approval for a cell tower that's not needed and not compatible with the surrounding community due to its close proximity to residences. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors put the interests and needs of its constituents ahead of those of the private sector and deny this application.

[02:18:55] Thank you. Thank you, sir. Thank you. Sarah Husein-Pazar, followed by Brian Turner. Good evening, board members.

[02:19:14] Good evening to the Zionists. Ninety days and counting, and Israel continues to block aid from entering Gaza. What we're witnessing is not a natural disaster. It's a man-made starvation campaign, and it's collective punishment. I failed to see how starving children has anything to do with Israel's self-defense.

[02:19:29] The so-called humanitarian effort by the Israeli-U.S. group known as the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, comprised of former American soldiers and missionaries, has shown to be fatal and catastrophic. These individuals have no experience in humanitarian aid. The result, over 100 Palestinians killed and hundreds injured just in the past three days.

[02:19:49] Eyewitness says Israeli forces fired life rounds at starving civilians who were lured by the IOF, announced food distribution times. Even Jake Wood, GHF's executive director, resigned saying, and I

quote, it is not possible to implement this plan while also strictly adhering to the humanitarian principles of humanity. Boston Consulting Group has abandoned the plan.

[02:20:12] Cindy McCain of World Food Program confirmed this is not working. We need access. We need the Israelis to let us in. Eleven major humanitarian rights groups have outright rejected the GHF. According to the New York Times, this project was an Israeli brainchild discussing private meetings linked to the Israeli government.

[02:20:32] It begs the question, was the destruction of UNRWA part of the plan? Global leaders from France, Canada, and the UK are saying what needs to be said. The level of suffering in Gaza is intolerable. Even the U.S. State Department's own former spokesperson, Matthew Miller, stated, Israel has committed war crimes.

[02:20:52] Our very own Vice Chair Michael Turner has called bombing hospitals and civilians a violation of international humanitarian law. So I ask, why does the rest of this board remain silent? Instead of addressing these atrocities, Ms. Amstead makes baseless accusations against our group, claims that video footage has clearly disproven.

[02:21:16] Ms. Randall chooses to side with her, ignoring the facts. So I'm concerned this board is not neutral. It is biased, afraid to speak out for your Palestinian and Arab constituents. You make statements about anti-Semitism, and rightfully so.

[02:21:32] But where is your voice on the Holocaust happening right now in Gaza? Your silence speaks volumes, divests or counties' tax dollars from Israel, free Palestine, and this is a real picture of a burned child. We have evidence. Thank you.

[02:21:48] I hesitate to say anything, because no matter what I say at any point, it doesn't get through. But I did go check. The county does not have any investments in Israel.

[02:22:04] I don't know how many say that any more clearly. Brian Turner, followed by Mary Ann, I'm sorry, Euler, I think that is. Ready when you are. Good evening, Mr. Turner.

[02:22:20] Good evening, Madam Chair, members of the Board of Supervisors. I'm Brian Turner, a resident of the Little River District, and I represent the Lansdowne Conservancy as their general counsel. At your last business meeting related to the cell tower application, I spoke to the board about Lansdowne's opposition to the application. The most immediate concern, if you approve it, is the potential harm this vote would have on our Aspen the Golden Appeal at the Virginia Supreme Court. In two days, the county in Lansdowne will submit seven assignments of error for the Supreme Court's consideration. One of those assignments will argue that the The county will be given the right to review any additional above ground structures along

[02:22:58] the Aspen to Golden Route. Our assignments of error, of course, address the fact that undergrounding is the best solution. But if the Supreme Court permits the all overhead route approved by the Commission, we want to be able to argue that as a matter of law, the Commission failed to satisfy the statutory precondition that "the corridor or route chosen for the line will avoid or reasonably minimize adverse impacts to the greatest extent reasonably practical on on scenic easements and assets and environment of the area concerned end quote and that the commission further fail to

[02:23:33] establish such conditions that as are quote desirable or necessary to minimize adverse environment environmental impacts of above ground lines end quote approval of the cell tower application before you now will jeopardize our petition and make moot the legitimacy of our appeal. Specifically, we have asked the commission be required to impose a condition if above ground lines end up being constructed that Dominion shall not allow any co-location of any other easements above ground within the Aspen to Golden right-of-way along Route 7 without review and approval by the county. Lansdowne therefore respectfully requests denial of this application

[02:24:11] or at the very least deferral until after the Supreme Court has made its decision. Thank you. thank you mr turner marianne um it's i think it's julia followed by leticia m followed by chris tandy and um she is on the the next two are on on the call on on the line um hi uh my name is marianne mueller i am a board member of the lansdowne conservancy and a resident of lansdowne

[02:24:46] woods of virginia which is a 55 active adult community i'm calling to express my opposition to Milestone's application. To date, Milestone has not made a convincing case that this tower needs to be built imminently or that it could not arrange to put this infrastructure on a nearby high-rise.

[02:25:05] A 10-foot fence and some landscaping is not going to shield this cell tower from the existing homes located 380 feet away, nor can the 150-foot cell tower be shielded from Lansdowne Conservancy homes and businesses facing Route 7.

[02:25:23] About 500 Lansdowne Woods condominium units will face the cell tower directly, and it will figure prominently in the living room picture windows of units on the uppermost floors in several buildings. This was not shown in Milestone's mock-ups. Over the past two years, several thousand residents decried efforts to build high-voltage transmission lines along Route 7 due to concerns that the lines will compromise our protected scenic and historic viewsheds.

[02:25:52] This board listened, and the county's case for undergrounding those lines is now on appeal at the Virginia Supreme Court. A final determination on what dominion we'll build remains an open one. If our county is to retain our reputation as a family-friendly place, the county's homeowners need to be assured the neighborhoods in which they invest will not be turned into de facto industrialized areas due to ineffective ad hoc planning.

[02:26:21] I respectfully request you oppose Milestone's application pending a final adjudication of the Dominion Lines. Thank you. Thank you. Letitia M., followed by Chris Tandy, followed by Ryan Golier.

[02:26:39] And Ms. M. is on the phone as well. Thank you. My comments are to demand an immediate end to the genocide committed against the Palestinian people and in favor of immigrants' dignity and rights. last meeting a few members of the board shared comments regarding three specific issues i am going to focus on those today first they invited us to move our protest to carry a sheriff chairman office respectfully that is such an easy position to stand on you find the courage to say this now that the protests have merged between palestinian and immigrant advocates as if for 20

[02:27:18] minutes sorry as for 20 months the protests of support of palestine have not been everywhere as if immigrant allies all over the country are not blocking the streets confronting ice agents directly and demanding the end to 287g everywhere so no we are not moving the protest elsewhere this is our most immediate public forum it is your job to listen to our to your constituents and escalate our concerns to the appropriate office.

[02:27:47] Second, they requested us to bring evidence of the Israeli ties to the local business in Loudoun County. Again, respectfully, we have done so. We have brought buy-up concerns to you and many other elected officials, but this concern is also brushed off with a spineless, we have nothing to do with Israeli business commingling with the local economy because the businesses are private entities.

[02:28:11] As if foreign investments are not deeply political, as if we are meant to pretend we don't see the world profiteering companies like Northern Groom and Rabia and the many data centers all over the county. Furthermore, despite our limited access to information, we have brought you sufficient information to do your part.

[02:28:31] So again, respectfully, use the tools you have available to deepen the research or stop acting like you care. We are done with the gaslighting language coming from politicians. Lastly, they insisted that they are doing their jobs and there is nothing else to do from this board to address our concerns.

[02:28:48] Again, respectfully, it is such an easy position to close your arms and say, "We can't do anything." That is precisely the type of politicians this rigged system needs in their lines. So no, you are not doing your job because you are not doing enough.

[02:29:04] Instead, what you are doing is keeping the comfort of your seat at this board. This is the time to be brave, take risks, because if you do not act, these seats, as many other democratic spaces will be taken away. Ma'am, your time is up. Thank you.

[02:29:24] Chris Tandy, followed by Ryan Guller, followed by, and the next three people, the next four people only have a first name. We would prefer to have your full name when you speak. But the next speaker is Chris Tandy, followed by Ryan Guller.

[02:29:40] Mr. Tandy, are you here? I don't think I assume. No? Mr. Tandy's out in the hallway. No? Okay. Ryan Goller, are you here? And you will be followed by Maya, followed by Mohammed, and followed by Thomas. Good evening, sir.

[02:30:02] Good evening. My name is Ryan Goller. I'm here on behalf of the Leesburg Airport Commission. I'm here to speak on the Cross Mill Center data center application. I spoke at the last hearing on this application, and there were some comments made, maybe some questions about whether the commission had taken into account some of the infrastructure, namely transmission lines or distribution lines, as it relates to this development.

[02:30:28] I wanted to clear up any confusion that we did take that into account. We spoke about it at our last meeting. We're confident that any development within the runway approach path or even near the airport needs to be cleared by the FAA.

[02:30:43] If there's infrastructure that goes in that's going to impede that, it's not going to be allowed or it needs to be rerouted or underground or something like that. So we're aware of what comes with this type of development. We feel comfortable the FAA will review it appropriately, and we would much prefer this type of development around the airport than any of the alternatives.

[02:31:08] So I just wanted to reiterate our support for this application and clear up any of those questions and comments from the last meeting. Thank you. Maya is the name that I have, followed by Mohammed, followed by Tamas. Good evening, board members.

[02:31:35] Good evening, Jews, Muslims, and Christians. No, no, no. Listen, listen. God, good Lord. Folks, first of all, stop her time and step back for just a second, ma'am. This board is required by law to allow public comment during public hearings on land use items.

[02:32:00] That's what we're required by law to do. This board has more public comment time allowed than I know anybody in northern Virginia, and I think probably more than any governmental body in Virginia.

[02:32:18] We allow the same people to come speak time and time again, and that is fine because, in my opinion, we are elected officials, and we're supposed to do that. We do far more than any board does, far more. But it is in my purview to change that at any time.

[02:32:38] I have never changed the amount of time a person can speak, although many chief elected officials will. I've never done any of those things because I believe we should be consistent and I believe we should allow the public to speak.

[02:32:55] But there gets to be a moment, and there could get to be a moment where if I feel that things that are said in this building could be, and I'm not saying on one side or the other, I'm saying across the board, could be threatening or threats behavior, then I will stop it. So I'm just saying that right now. I'm just saying, I'm just going to put that

[02:33:22] out there right now. I'm sorry we started your time over. You may continue. Good evening board members. Good evening Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Bad evenings to the Zionists and members of any corrupt political organizations. You know, I was driving home today not planning on coming in to speak before I stopped. But when I read an opinionated article earlier today where the

[02:34:02] reader is simply victimizing a religious group for the pursuit of a racist supremacist agenda, I just knew I had to make that U-turn and make an appearance. Don't let my eloquence take away the fact that I am nervous and scared right now, maybe a little bit more now so. My little pin await my prominent kofia I wear around my neck in unison with my oppressed Palestinian people gives away my stance, whereas my headscarf gives away my religious duty.

[02:34:31] British-Australian Dr. Mohamed Mustafa visited Gaza twice during this genocide. His interviewers questioned, how do you respond to Israel's denial of targeting civilians? He recalls, children mostly under the age of eight with single gunshot wounds to the head and neck.

[02:34:50] The bullet would be a downward trajectory to the head from a drone above. The bullet would hit the child directly down their head, and this would be at night when they're sleeping in their tents. These drones, these man-made technology, produced from some of our very own facilities here in Loudoun, would come down at night and sense the child and snipe them with one bullet.

[02:35:15] A man pushed a button and took away everything. Dr. Mustafa recalls multiple family members telling a similar story of when they're just walking through the market and a drone shoots the youngest child. They purposely target the youngest, the family's last addition to be slotted first.

[02:35:36] Loudoun County divests now. And if this podium is taken away from me, I would like to see that members who share differing views are given the same opportunity to produce articles on Loudoun County.

[02:35:54] Thank you. Thank you. Mohamed, followed by Tamas, followed by Malia Hamdan, followed by Shane Crow. Shane, I'm sorry, I missed your name. Sorry, I apologize. Good evening.

[02:36:13] Bismillah. Good evening, board members. Bad evening to the Zionists. Your silence is not neutral. Your silence is complicity. Just a week ago, on May 23rd, the Israeli occupation forces bombed a residential home in Gaza, killing nine children.

[02:36:33] Yahya, Rakan, Ruzlan, Gibran, Eve, Rivan, Saidin, Luqman, and Sidra. They were the children of Dr. Alaa Al-Najjar and Dr. Hamdi Al-Najjar, two doctors who dedicated their lives to caring for the poor through a private medical compound and their work at Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunus.

[02:36:57] Dr. Hamdi was critically injured and succumbed to his wounds just days later. Now only Dr. Alaa and her 12-year-old son Adam survived. And you, you have said nothing. Two days ago, Dr. Aya Madhad Al-Madhun, pregnant and still providing emergency care to displaced families, was killed in an Israeli strike along with her husband.

[02:37:23] On May 28th, Dr. Ahmed Nabhan, head of the emergency department at the Indonesian hospital in North Gaza, was killed by an Israeli drone. In April, Dr. Mahmoud Rafiq Abu Amsa was killed in yet another airstrike.

[02:37:42] Over 1,400 healthcare workers, healers, not combatants, have been slaughtered by the Israeli occupation forces since October 2023. Let me remind you, it is a war crime to target healthcare workers.

[02:38:03] You fund this. You are invested in this, and yet you remain silent, and yet you say you have not funded this? Dr. Feroz Sidwa, a trauma surgeon from California, saw the truth firsthand. He said, my patients were six-year-olds with sharp nails in their hearts and bullets in their brains.

[02:38:23] Pregnant woman with their pelvis obliterated. Not a single combatant. Israel isn't just bombing Gaza. It is deliberately destroying the means to save life. Hospital monitors, dialysis machines, ultrasound equipment, shot through with bullets.

[02:38:38] What possible threat do these machines impose? So I ask you, what is your price of your silence? How many dead doctors? How many slaughtered children? You are not just watching a genocide. You are funding it. Sir, your time is up. Your time is up. No, no, you will not say time last week. Your time is up. Thank you.

[02:38:57] Your time was up, sir. Mahala Hamdan, and you will be followed by Shane Crow. Good evening.

[02:39:14] Good evening. So I don't know if there's anything new or original I can say tonight, but I'm going to speak from the heart and what I feel. Well, I have a seven-year-old daughter, actually, and every time I look at her in the past three or four months, all I think about are women, the same as me, with children, that all they want to do is protect those children.

[02:39:44] And I think that it speaks a lot to everyone in this room, maybe to our country as a whole, and obviously Loudoun County, that we don't seem to care or people don't seem to understand. And I think if it's not in front of your face, you don't care. I don't really think any of you really do care.

[02:40:01] And if that's okay, we don't expect you to because it doesn't affect you directly. I've lived in this country my whole life. I was born here. I've lived in Northern Virginia my entire life. And growing up here, the sentiment was always, we're a melting pot of all these different people, and that's what makes us special.

[02:40:18] That's what makes us special as a place to live. I don't think anything that has happened or the lack of movement, the lack of honesty is quite appalling, but I don't think there's anything that could be done to make anyone care.

[02:40:37] But there are now, they believe more orphans, the most orphans literally anywhere are now in Gaza, in Palestine. Parents are dead, children are dead. I just, I think it's cute that we sit and pretend like this is not a racial thing, that it's not an oppressive thing, that it's not because we look different.

[02:41:05] I'm from Lebanon, my family is in Lebanon, and it's right next to Palestine. And they look just like me, just like me. And the fact that this country is in Israel's pocket kind of sucks, but that's been the reality.

[02:41:21] I just think because I have a heart and I'm a human being, I need to say something. I need to speak because it seems like it's not important enough to anyone else. But every night when I put my daughter to bed, I think about, wow, how lucky we are to have even the slightest thing. If I have car troubles or a bad day at work, I think, who cares?

[02:41:40] I'm alive and I'm safe, and I can't say the same for innocent children in Gaza and innocent women and children, civilians. Civilians are being killed. All the hospitals in Gaza have been bombed, all of them. Ma'am, your time is up. Thank you. Thank you.

[02:41:56] Mr. Crowe, I'm sorry I missed you. I said this away, and so I missed your name, and I apologize. You'll be the last speaker. Good evening. I perhaps feel a little awkward coming in with some uplifting news, But since the last time I've spoken, we all on behalf of Upvote Virginia, again, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization advocating for democracy reform.

[02:42:20] As of now, our flagship issue is ranked choice voting. Over yesterday and today, I have been in front of the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, helping to spread the word and help engage with the community, helping inform them about ranked choice voting.

[02:42:36] Of the many interactions I've gotten, a lot of them have been quite supportive. Many voters have told me, oh, I've heard about this before. I'm very supportive. Others have been, I've never heard of this before, and I'd like to learn more about it. I would say actually today I had two wonderful interactions.

[02:42:52] In the morning, I met with Representative Subramaniam, again, another supporter of ranked choice voting. And I ran into Delegate Reid later in the day, someone who is quite helpful in helping sponsor the legislation in the General Assembly to help expand and further implement ranked choice voting here in Virginia.

[02:43:13] Given the fact that on June 17th will be the election day itself, I hope to go above and beyond even further and hoping to hit at least one precinct in every single member's district. So all the way from Catoctin and Little Mercer and finally hoping to end in my home district of Algonquian so that everyone across the county is aware of our passion and pursuit in order to help improve our democracy, to help include even more people into the process as well.

[02:43:45] Perhaps to give some fair shake to some of the critiques that I received from some dissenters, where some people worried about some of the issues of giving people the liberty to voice more than one preference on a ballot.

[02:44:00] Those who considered only allowing people to just mark one, saying it's perhaps the fairest. Some of my rebuttal on that was the fact that, especially in primaries, when there are many people running, someone could vote for one candidate, have their second and third, but then ultimately end up with someone who they didn't want to consider in the first place.

[02:44:23] By letting someone voice all their preferences, they then would have a much bigger buy-in to whoever does win, as has occurred in the Republican primary in 2021, or the convention, I must say, and in the Arlington primary as well. But my time's up, and again, I thank you all for y'all's attention today.

[02:44:39] Thank you, Mr. Crow. All right, that was our last speaker. And so supervisors, let's see. I think we can probably, hold on one second. We could probably go to an action item, or we can do public comments and get those done before we do the, and then take a break and come back and go to our action items.

[02:44:59] I think I'll do that. I'll do, I'm sorry, board comments. do board comments and then we'll take a break, do the closed session during break and then come back and do our action items. So let's go to board comments first and I will first go to Mr. Letourneau.

[02:45:18] Thank you, Madam Chair. I have been on this board longer than anybody else. I don't know that I can recall a time when our public comment has been quite this divided. I feel just as passionate as some of the speakers do, about the job that I was elected to do, the decisions that I'm supposed to make up here, and what they encompass and what they don't.

[02:45:49] And what they don't is foreign policy. And I've been really clear about that for a long time. And I understand that there's many attempts to draw a nexus to things happening in the county with that. But please understand, it's not a lack of caring about tragic events that are happening around the world.

[02:46:06] It's the fact that the voters, the constituents that we represent, elect individuals to different offices to make these decisions, not this one. And quite frankly, we have people here talking about a serious community issue to them.

[02:46:21] We have all sorts of issues that come in here that we do vote on and that we do address. And so I've been really steadfast on that. I do get concerned about the safety of those in the community. and if we're being honest what's happened over the last 10 days is pretty clear where those threats are what happened in boulder colorado what happened in washington dc and so we have been hearing from members of the community here that we have been hearing from members of the community here that are concerned about that and that's understandable and so that's something obviously

[02:46:57] for the sheriff's office to address and make sure those kind of things don't happen here but i am a steadfast believer in free speech it's everyone's right to come in here but that doesn't mean that the Board of Supervisors has to take action on something or not things that are well outside our purview and wouldn't have any bearing on anything that actually happens anyway. So every now and then I guess I need to repeat that. I've said that a couple times over the last year or so.

[02:47:25] I do want to thank everybody who's come out and speak today. We are dealing with a power line issue in the southern part of the county now that I've contacted all of you about and staff's working on and we'll be having an item I think shortly on. We were kind of taken by surprise, a wreck and repair Dominion proposal up a main trunk line through Southern Loudon is the primary proposal. However, an alternate has been proposed which apparently is a requirement and that alternate is causing a great deal

of consternation because it veers off into several neighborhoods and the Dulles Farms HOA and the Stone Ridge Homeowners Association. So we've

[02:48:04] been in close contact with them we're asking dominion to have another public meeting because these alternate routes did not come to fruition until after the last one in person one that they had and so you'll be hearing more about this but please know that my office is all over it thank you thank you sir mr crony thank you chair randall um so i do want to echo what um supervisor

[02:48:32] Letourneau said, I do care. I do have a heart.

[02:48:51] But I am not going to get into foreign policy. But I am listening. I do I do hear you. I hear everyone. So I had two constituents speak about a meeting that I held with the Green Mill Preserve community about an application for 13 data centers in the transition policy area, encompassing 362 acres. That land is zone TR-10, and the developer wants to change it to PDIP for 3.5 million square feet of data centers. I told that community that I will not be supporting this. It is in the wrong

[02:49:25] location. It's in the transition policy area, and I don't believe in encroachment of data centers in the transition policy area. I know that data centers are permitted in small areas of the transition policy area and the transition mineral extraction and transition light industrial but that's not a core use so I want to make it clear I do not support data centers encroaching in the transition policy area. Like Supervisor Letourneau I have been speaking about the

[02:49:59] Morrisville to Wishing Star power lines to my constituents. I did think it was a wreck and rebuild, so I did reach out to Kirkpatrick Farms and the Dulles Farms community, but as Supervisor Letourneau stated, Dominion changed the plan to add an alternative route that has more of an impact to the community. There was a virtual meeting on June 2nd, and Dominion stated that due to the negative feedback it has received, it may remove the alternative

[02:50:34] routes from Morrisville to Wishing Star before submitting to the SCC. So I'm going to be advocating for that. I think those alternative routes should be removed in Loudoun County. It has always been about a wreck and rebuild, and that will still have significant impacts to the Little River District. So I do want to state that I'm going to be on top of it as well.

[02:50:57] I believe Supervisal Letourneau and I are going to have a meeting together with Dominion in July. So look for that. By the way, I would encourage residents to ask Dominion to remove these alternative routes. You can email Dominion at powerline at dominionenergy.com.

[02:51:17] So I think it's important to let your voice be heard that we do not support the alternative routes. Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. uh disclosures i had a meeting with mike romeo and jake ballard on the hidden wood assemblage and belmont cove on may 29th and then discussions with randy minchu and charles yudd on june 2nd

[02:51:48] and 3rd on cross mill center today one of my neighbors shared with me a notification from the Loudoun County public schools stating their deep concern about a troubling increase in anti-semitic language and commentary in our community particularly on social media in the wake of targeted attacks on members of the Jewish community across our country while much of this activity may occur outside the walls of our schools its impact reverberates within them deeply affecting our students staff and

[02:52:25] families. As we know, on the first night of Passover, a proclaimed pro-Palestinian activist set on fire the home of Josh Shapiro, the Jewish governor of Pennsylvania, because the governor is Jewish. On May 21st, two young Israeli embassy staff members, Sarah Milgram and Yaron Lishinsky, were gunned down in D.C. by a terrorist who shouted free Palestine as he was arrested.

[02:52:56] Another terrorist yelled, Free Palestine, as he threw Molotov cocktails Sunday at a group of peaceful Jews in Boulder, Colorado, horrifically setting several of them on fire. I would like to believe that, going forward, those who say Free Palestine during their comments in the boardroom would, given the chance, condemn the use of this term in connection with acts of terror.

[02:53:25] I know it's been used by board members. I have every confidence they never intended terror to be attached to it. I would also like to thank that those who speak here would condemn the Hamas attacks.

[02:53:43] Ms. Umstead, I'm stopping your time. Okay, this is not even that hard for me. One more person yells out, the security is taking you out of this room. It's just that simple. First of all, put 10 seconds back on her clock. Secondly, the next person that comes and does that, they're walking out of this room.

[02:54:00] And thirdly, the people that did that right now, I'm not sure we're letting them back in this room. You will not disturb this room. It's just that simple. I control this room. I control this room. And you will not disturb this room. And it is just that simple.

[02:54:20] Ms. Umstead, you may continue. Thank you, ma'am. I would like to believe that going forward, those who say Free Palestine during their comments in the boardroom would, given the chance, condemn the use of this term in connection with acts of terror. I would also like to think that those who speak here would condemn the Hamas attacks on innocent Israelis and others on October 7, 2023, the start of the war between Israel and Hamas. I would like to think that speakers

[02:54:52] would call for the unconditional release of hostages held by Hamas. It is unfortunate that the words being spoken in our boardroom are often clearly anti-Semitic. I think it is incumbent on us to condemn anti-Semitic attacks every time we hear them in our boardroom, whether they include the words, bad night to Zionists, from the river to the sea, or sadly now, free Palestine. Ms. Gless.

[02:55:28] Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a few disclosures. On Wednesday, May 28th, I met with representatives to discuss the possible redevelopment of 20576 Ashburn Road. On Thursday, May 29th, my staff met with representatives from Walsh Colucci to discuss the Hidden Wood and Belmont Cove applications.

[02:55:51] On Friday, May 30th, Monday, June 2nd, and Tuesday, June 3rd, my staff spoke with a representative from Cooley to discuss the Milestone Cell Tower application. Also, on Friday, May 30th, my staff spoke with a representative from J.K. Land Holdings to discuss the Hidden Wood, North Branch Residential, and Cross Mill Data Center applications.

[02:56:18] I have a number of regional updates where either my staff or I went to the, either virtually in person, the NACO Arts and Culture Commission meeting, the Women of NACO meeting, Northern Virginia Regional Commission meeting, NACO South Region meeting, NACO HSE meeting, NVTa Planning Coordination Advisory Committee meeting, and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality meeting.

[02:56:47] i also want to thank constituents that came out and spoke tonight i appreciate you voicing your concerns as well as other folks that came out to speak and i think there are a lot of things going

[02:57:20] on and I would agree with with my colleagues that this is a local board we try to do what we can do. And that's all I've got to say right now. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Kirshner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Three disclosures. May 13th, my staff and I met with Daniel Olds about the R&D baseball zoning application. On May 19th, my staff and I met with county staff and with Bear Chase Brewery Tea House about their application. And on May 29th, my staff and I met with Daniel Olds

[02:57:58] and Randy Minshew about the R&D baseball zoning correspondence. Just in terms of a couple of comments. Primary upcoming event, I'd like to let this board and others who the public who may be watching is the Western Loudoun commuters. There's an important meeting coming up for the Route 15 Lucketts' bypass. The public input meeting will be tomorrow at Smarts Mill Middle School cafeteria on which is June 4th between 6:00 and 7:30. We'll have county staff there who are working on the alignment analysis. If you want to come out and hear what the various options are, I would encourage you to do so. There are a number of them and

[02:58:34] And I think public input would be helpful in ultimately making that determination. I have two fairly somewhat high profile matters to talk about. First of all is some of the comments that were made tonight. It is very clear to me from the things that have happened across this nation and in the public that anti-Semitism is strong and well in America, which is incredibly I think upsetting to me.

[02:58:57] I will say this. What's very clear is some of the rhetoric that has gone on and the comments that have gone on in this room are uncalled for, should not have been said, and quite frankly, some that I heard tonight continue to support or certainly engender strife and anti-Semitic feelings. You can have debates about the legitimacy of what's going on over in the Middle East and the conflict that is arising, but to use pejorative terms and terms that degrade a people because of who they are and how they were born and the unchangeable they have is

[02:59:33] absolutely uncalled for and should never be heard or tolerated, quite frankly, by any of the members on this board or anyone else in this room for that matter. Secondly, I do not believe, and I attempted to, obviously I will talk to the chair about it later, but I think this board should consider restricting our public comment to those things that are quite frankly germane to the work that we do. As many have set up here, this is an international issue that, and we've checked on those comments that have been made, that really there's nothing in Loudoun County that touches on this. So this is something, quite frankly, that's not germane to the work that we are

[03:00:08] doing. I am in favor of free speech, but free speech can be taken too far, and then continuing to engender hate is not something that should in any way be tolerated. Finally, I just want to comment on the recent report about four hours ago that our Attorney General here in Virginia did conduct an investigation and turned it over to the U.S. Department of Education that the three students who were charged with sexual harassment in our bathrooms here in Loudoun County and under oversight of our school, they found ultimately that there was a fair amount of, I'm looking for the actual word that was used, but discrimination against them

[03:00:46] and fault in how that was provided. So I'm looking forward to what that investigation will bring and I will continue to watch it and I hope our school board continues to watch this closely. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Sains. Thank you Madam Chair. First, I'll clarify From my comments at the last meeting, my time ran out, and I was unable to fully articulate my thoughts.

[03:01:17] What I was going to say fully was I support a vision of peace in the Middle East, one that includes a free Palestine, and a safe Israel. I believe true peace begins with immediate and lasting ceasefire.

[03:01:34] These are not just slogans. This is aspirations rooted in humanity, dignity, and the belief that all people deserve to live in safety and freedom. Now, what occurred in D.C. the day after or whatever the time frame was, I forget the dates, and then what happened in Colorado was cowardless.

[03:01:59] Innocent lives should never be taken, plain and simple, on no matter whatever side of the aisle you're on, plain and simple. And I think everybody's heard me say this, I don't know how many times, until I'm purple in the face, treat others as you want somebody to treat your loved one.

[03:02:16] I've said that I don't know how many damn times, excuse my French. But for those to then go and then quickly, oh, Supervisor Sane said free Palestine, so now he's anti-Semitic? No, I am not. And you will never, never put my name with that, ever, because I am not.

[03:02:39] The fur is from it. You don't know me, so don't even go there with me on that. Just because somebody says free Palestine does not mean they're anti-Semitic. Now, what might make them free anti-Semitic is their actions after they say those words. That is what you determine how somebody is anti-Semitic or not.

[03:02:57] Same thing goes on the other side if somebody would say they're against somebody being a Muslim or any other religion. It's what they do after they say certain words. That is what we determine, people, not just by saying one phrase and then limping everybody in.

[03:03:14] Now, people have said, oh, if you say from the River Juddesee, that means the eradication of all Jewish folks. I don't agree with that. But at the same time, you have the son of the prime minister of Israel on his Twitter saying right now, this is accurate, it's been up there.

[03:03:32] From the river to the sea, the Jewish flag is all you're going to see. So just on this, if you condemn those words that if somebody from Palestine says that, I hope you condemn those words that that Israel person is saying the opposite thing, when they're eradicating all Palestinians or Muslims.

[03:03:48] I hope you're against that as well. And then those who are yelling during comment time when people are speaking on either side, that's inappropriate. Don't do it, please. Mr. Turner.

[03:04:05] Thank you, Madam Chair. The following statements were made in the February 11th, 2025 Tariff Revisions Reliability Report by PJM, Northeast Power Grid Authority, responsible for all power generation and transmission in 13 northeastern states, including Virginia. Quote, PJM's resource adequacy concerns are increasing at an extraordinary pace.

[03:04:25] The 2024 update of the 4Rs report identifies resource adequacy concerns for the 2029-30 delivery year in particular. These resource adequacy concerns are driven in large part by significant load growth caused by, among other things, large data centers located in the PGM region.

[03:04:43] Referring to a 2025 updated report, PGM states, quote, Quote, the preliminary numbers show substantial increases since the 2024 forecast in the forecast annualized load growth rate by the end of this decade and into the next decade. PJM's current summer peak load forecast predicts a significant increase in load growth with the share of load attributable data centers going from 4% to 12% to 16% by 2039.

[03:05:08] And finally from PJM, quote, this forecasted load growth is unprecedented and could not have been foreseen as recently as a year ago, much less in 2022 time frame. The 10 gigawatt gap in capacity PJM anticipates in the 2030-31 delivery year could swell to a 26 gigawatt gap once the preliminary 2025 forecasted load growth numbers are finalized.

[03:05:31] Within the Commonwealth in 2024, Dominion Energy, a participating utility in RPJ's authority, said that all data centers over 100 megawatts can expect to have their time to have full power moved from three to four years to four to seven years. And the Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee in December of 2024 said, quote, building enough infrastructure to meet unconstrained energy demand will be very difficult to achieve.

[03:05:56] Building enough infrastructure to meet even half of unconstrained energy demand would be difficult. These are unequivocal statements by our own utilities that they cannot meet the power demand in the entire PJM region. Imagine how strained they are in just Loudoun County, which has 200 data centers and many, many, many times more data centers in this concentrated area than anywhere else in the PJM area.

[03:06:22] I just read an article yesterday or this morning that said PJM has now brought two coal-fired generation plants back online. The JLARC study said that we would need to build a gas plant every year and a half for 15 years to meet the gas requirements to deliver supplemental power to our grid.

[03:06:41] This is reality. This is an extreme reality in Loudoun County. And you can bet from now on I am going to take this reality into serious consideration any time an application for a new data center comes before this board. Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Turner.

[03:06:58] So just to be clear, I have never said, and I'm not going to say now that I don't speak on this issue because I'm a local elected official. That would be pretty hypocritical of me to say that because if I was on this board when apartheid in South Africa was going on, I'd said something. So I'm not going to say that because that's just hypocritical.

[03:07:15] What I've said and what I still say is this. For generations, for generations, these two groups of people have been unable and unable to see the humanity in the other group. how people come up here how one group of people come up here and talk and never mention the hostages that that were taken blows me away how another group of people come up here and talk and never mention the thousands of lives that are being taken nine out of ten children that are being killed blows me away the inability to see the other's humanity is staggering to me somebody

[03:07:53] once said, and I don't remember who or how, but until you love your children more than you hate your enemy, these fights will keep happening. So do not come here and ask me to say something about an issue that's been going on for generations, for people who cannot look at the other person and see their humanity. I'm not speaking on this issue because I don't know how to teach you to care about another person's child, another person's humanity, another person's life. I have

[03:08:28] one colleague on this board that's never mentioned the death and destruction in Gaza. I am shocked by that. I have other colleagues on here who really don't mention until recently some of the things that are going on. I am shocked by that. How do these people not look at one another and see each other's worthiness in their lives and their humanity and what they offer to the world how does that happen I don't

know how that happens but I know I don't have an answer and so it's not that I'm a local elected official it's I don't know an answer and God knows every night before I go to

[03:09:07] bed I pray to my God to give somebody an answer to stop this madness that's my prayer every night but i can't make each other i can't make people love each other i can't make you see the other's humanity if i could i'd be speaking from this board every single from this day is every time i have the chance but i don't know how to do that i don't have to do that that's why i don't say anything um i have one uh disclosure i've been i've talked more than once with um hobie mitchell

[03:09:42] about an item he wants to bring to this board in a couple of weeks um one more time i'm going to say this this is graduation season to all of our graduates the 2025 graduates good luck and we are very very proud of you thank you supervisors I think we need a break I know I need a break oh wait before we take a break more thing let me just and I'm off my clock saying this right now I am loathe to cut down public comments in this room I am very proud of the fact that Loudoun County takes more public comments than I think anybody in Virginia. I think it's a star in our

[03:10:21] cap that we do that. I do not want to limit public comments. I don't. But make no mistake about it. I will not let this room get out of order. I will not let this room get out of order. I don't care who you are. I don't care how tall you are, how short you are, what your color is, what your race is, what your religion is, if you're good looking. I don't care. I will not let this room get out of order try me i will have everybody cleared out i will put us on a zoom call and have a meeting virtually before i let this room get out of order i can't be responsible for a whole lot of things

[03:10:58] but i'm responsible for what happens in this room and i will take us off the dais and put us on a virtual call before i let this room get out of order that is for sure that is for sure supervisors we were going to do closed session in um on a break but i actually need a real break right now I have a stunning splitting headache so let's do a 10-minute break and then we

[03:11:21] will come back and find out where we go next thanks all right if everyone would

[03:25:22] come back or have a seat we're gonna go on and do them do an item right now do the cross I mean sorry the milestone item right now because I think there are no I'm sorry what are we doing yes the milestone thank you for co-chairing the board with me appreciate that a lot of people in the room who like would like to uh not be in the room anymore and we can i think knock this one out fairly fairly quickly perhaps um miss well

[03:25:57] let me just say let's have staff come down and ask them are there any updates before we go to a motion good evening good evening i'm standing in for christian maldonado no updates ma'am other than the the request for the deferral that you took care of or disposed of earlier tonight. Okay. But we're not going to, we're going to do the CPMT right now? Yes, ma'am. Okay.

[03:26:21] But no other updates. And so, Supervisor, since there are no updates, I'm going to go straight to a motion. We can ask questions within the motion. This is a motion that was given to us today. Here you go, Mr. Kirshner. You maybe weren't here for this. Here you go. Is this the one right here? Yeah, that's right. Ms. Glass, would you like to make the motion, please? Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the Board of Supervisors overrule Planning Commission approval of Leji-2023-0093 Milestone-Belmont Interchange CMPT-2023-0011 and I further move that the Board of Supervisors

[03:27:01] deny CMPT-2023-0011 Milestone-Belmont Interchange based on the following findings for denial. The size and scale of the proposed telecommunications facility is not compatible with the surrounding properties and the resulting impact cannot be reasonably mitigated. The location of the proposed telecommunications facility being less than 350 feet from residentially zoned property is not in conformance with location policies under the Loudoun County strategic plan strategic land use plan for telecommunications facilities and such non-conformance

[03:27:41] cannot be reasonably mitigated the general character of the proposed telecommunications facility provides unnecessary visual impact as well as in as intensifies visual clutter anticipated by planned utility infrastructure proximate to residentially zoned property in nearby scenic easements okay mr turner second that before i we do the opening miss glass mr rogers um this is a this this is one motion and i if i don't need to split the motion i won't but let me ask you this if the first part of this motion failed would the second part of this motion

[03:28:19] even be needed the first part of the motion deals with the comp plan permit and if the comp plan permit failed, the board would still need to vote on the special exception. Okay. All right. Sounds good. Let's watch the doctor opening. Thank you, Madam Chair. After careful consideration of this application, I've moved to deny the cell tower. While I appreciate the applicant's willingness to expand cell cover in the county, I do feel this location is not appropriate at this time.

[03:28:50] The proposed cell tower location is directly adjacent to where the future Aspen to Golden power lines will be. These large power lines will drastically change the view shed along Route 7 and for the nearby homes. The cell tower would be additionally large infrastructure that would add to the visual clutter of the immediate area. The cell tower location is also directly within sight of the Ashburn Chase apartment buildings, an attainable housing complex less than 500 feet away with no visual barrier. I would rather see cellular infrastructure built farther away from residential units i would like to thank all the constituents who engage on this

[03:29:28] application and for and for staff for your assistance on several questions that came up recently i also want to thank the applicant and would welcome working with them on other cell tower locations in the district thank you mr latour thank you i just wanted to confirm with staff that the comprehensive plan policy indicates that communications infrastructure when possible should be um in things like rights of way and interchanges and things like that is there not language in the comp plan about that yes sir there is language to co-locate with

[03:30:06] the overhead infrastructure associated with the transmission lines okay so with that in mind unfortunately i i i do believe that the motion on the table now is not consistent with our comprehensive plan and so i i wouldn't support it mr turner thank you madam chair um uh i'd I'd associate myself with Supervisor Glass's comments.

[03:30:31] Additionally, the hospital said they would do not want this location. I know for a fact that it's in the helicopter landing pattern. And additionally, I discovered that I believe it's the Toll Brothers building on Russell Branch behind the Whole Foods shopping center could easily accommodate antenna.

[03:30:54] And so that the monopole is not really, there are alternatives to this visually oppressive structure. And then just lastly, I mean, Belmont Regency is a relatively new neighborhood. And already they've got a major overhead transmission line going through their backyard.

[03:31:14] A data center site plan 50 feet from the row of townhouses, which I believe is in Belmont Regency, or Ashburn Regency. And now we're going to hit it with a monopole. I just can't do it. So I support the motion. Thank you. I'm going to support the motion, too. What we know is this, that there is very adequate cell phone coverage in this area.

[03:31:35] AT&T, T-Mobile, other carriers have adequate cell phone coverage in this area. We know that. Could Verizon be better in this area? Possibly, but it doesn't mean that they don't have good cell phone coverage in this area. I have never been a person to vote on, quote, the viewshed, unquote.

[03:31:55] I think sometimes, unfortunately, you lose your viewshed. And so, you know, if I say all the time, we had an amazing view from my window in my bedroom, and then a house got built there. So, you know, if you want the viewshed, you might have to buy the plant and buy the land.

[03:32:11] However, if you don't have to ruin the viewshed, why do that? And this is one of these moments where you don't have to. Because one carrier wants better coverage when that one carrier doesn't even have any other carriers that signed on yet. So we're talking about one carrier, and we're saying that right now the coverage area for AT&T, T-Mobile, and other carriers is very high.

[03:32:35] It's very high. There are other places that you can put a monopole for Verizon. And I just, you know, we don't need this for safety reasons. Fire and Rescue hasn't asked for this. We don't need this for emergency we don't need it for any other reason but Verizon wants to have even better coverage than they already have that's not a good reason for me which is not enough of a reason for me and so um i i you know i said before you know that they would be really hard to get me on this and the more studying i've done about it the more more i have found out i just can't support

[03:33:13] I also, you know, right now we don't, we do not, the discussion of the power lines is in the Supreme Court. So I would not say that, Ms. Letourne, what you're saying, at this point, they're not going to be going up as of right now that we know of.

[03:33:35] We will find that out. But right now that discussion is in the Supreme Court. And so I'm going to support the district supervisor on this item, and I'm going to vote no on this item. Now, depending on how this vote goes, I think we might have to go back anyway.

[03:33:54] Well, let's just do this part first and then see how it comes. And we may have to go back and do one part of this vote no matter what anyway. Madam Chair, point for clarification, please. This is just the denial of the permit. No, that's why I asked. She made a motion for the whole thing. That's why I just said what I said.

[03:34:16] The motion was an end motion. She made a motion to deny all of it, to deny everything. Well, that's why I'm asking for a point of clarification, because I'm reading it says deny CMPT, not the special exception. Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, that's right. That is right. That is correct. So this is just the permit?

[03:34:32] Yes. Okay. Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Okay. Yes. All right. Would you like a closing? No closing, Madam Chair. I just ask that you support this motion. Motion was made by Supervisor Blas, seconded by Supervisor Turner, and the motion is to deny.

[03:34:53] All in favor to say aye. Aye. Opposed? Aye. Did I hear you? No, wait. First of all, no, I do not need any help right now. Are you sure? I am so sure, but thank you anyway.

[03:35:09] Happy to help. I don't know. You are happy to help or not be helpful. Mr. Sayings, did you vote? I know. Did you vote? See, he didn't vote. See, you guys. I'm paying attention. Yeah, you're deciding vote right now. You are. Mr. Sayings, what's your vote? Oh, my God. Mr. Sayings? Okay. Jeez Louise. Okay, so. Okay, I got you.

[03:35:42] I got you. A vote to deny. A motion to deny. The vote, a tie vote fails the motion. And so there was a motion to deny.

[03:35:59] If a tie vote fails to motion, what it means is that didn't just get denied. It also didn't just get approved because it was a tie vote. Would you vote a yes to deny it? Okay, I'm sorry.

[03:36:14] Then it's 5-3-1. So that passes. So you were not right. You're so seldomly right, man. So seldomly. I've talked to your wife. She said you're not right that much. I've checked. I've checked. I'm not right. I've checked. okay then that is a motion that the motion to deny passes thank you all right that's all we're doing about you guys you're good all right um do we have more than one more action item because if so we might as well just kick it out right now do we have two you also have cross mill madam chair

[03:36:55] no we have we have one we have actually we only have one right now yeah it's it's cross mill and that item is just an item to go to the next board meeting and i will make that motion give me a second nope i'm not doing that i'm not doing that i'm pretty sure i'm not here i don't know

[03:37:20] we're going to the cross mill center item right now i want i want to remind everybody on the cross mill center item which is not coming up on my computer right now that we're all we're doing

[03:37:55] to make an emotion to send it to a new date come on computer all right so i was going to send this motion to the second meeting in june june no no no no no no so the first meeting in july i think it was july 1st that's where i was going and i would make the motion but my computer's not bringing it's not bringing it up right now we're going to the i'm making a motion to send it to the

[03:38:31] second to the to the first meeting in july thank you very much all right i moved that the board because i don't know that i am going to be here i moved the board of supervisors for ledger 2023-0064 cross mill center cmap 2023-0002 and special exception 023-0007 to the july 1st board supervisors business meeting for action motion made and seconded okay i i never know when everyone's going to be here. I don't know that. So I can't make a decision based on we're all going to be

[03:39:06] here on that date. I do know that there's something called Zoom or a virtual meeting. And if you're not here, you can Zoom in or call in. And I do believe that that is the date that everyone has said that they are available to Zoom in or call in, whether they're here or not. I do not know if the second meeting in July, everyone will be here. I do know if I am not here, I will not be available at the time that this is taking place because I would be on a plane but I do know that if I tend to the first meeting in July everyone I've talked to can come in or zoom in which is

[03:39:42] what I'm trying to do right now that's my that's my goal to get nine votes on this dais whether you're here in person or not that is what I'm trying to do hopefully I I have accomplished that Did I not accomplish it?

[03:39:57] No, I told you, right. But I thought it was the end of July 1st? The next two. Can't be here for the next two at all. But what you said, you thought you could zoom in for one of those. I cannot. Okay, all right.

[03:40:14] I'm just making that clear. You move it to wherever you want. I'm just telling you that's the case. All right. Well, I'm going to leave it on July 1st. Can I make it friendly? Move it to the 17th? Because I think you know, is everyone else can be here on that day? I don't know.

[03:40:31] just said that I make this the motion on the table is the motion I just made I do not know back where we are we might be everyone's not on the diet we might be but that's that's what I'm doing right now all right motion is to move it to July 1st all in favor please say aye aye opposed I'm gonna say nay because I don't I think we should try to figure out better I talked to him back and then opposed i i i heard you okay i only got one name i have nothing over here you all abstaining or

[03:41:03] you're voting what you're doing you abstain miss umstead you voted yes okay so then one two three four five that's six one one one is that what i got okay that's six one one one no that can't be right because it's only eight yeah six one one one that's what we got so that motion will pass for July 1st that motion will pass. Ms. Umstead voted yes, Mr. Kirshner voted no, Mr. Laterno denied.

[03:41:41] That motion has passed. Thank you. All right now that is please. I move the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to section 2.23711 of the Code of Virginia to consider acquisition of parcels of property for a public use in the Ashburn election district. Motions made and seconded by Supervisor Glass.

[03:42:15] Discussion on the motion? No, ma'am. Seeing none, all in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass.

[03:42:42] Thank you. I am not ready. Now I am ready. Mr. Kirchner is back.

[04:27:28] So we're going to read out of closed session. Mr. Turner. Madam Chair, I move that the closed session be adjourned, that the Board of Supervisors reconvenes its public meeting, that the minutes of the public meeting should reflect that no formal action was taken in the closed session and further move that the resolution certifying the closed session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this public meeting was made and seconded by supervisor glass discussion on the motion all in favor say aye aye any opposed that motion will carry unanimously will everyone please affirm miss glass affirm affirm affirm affirm and I affirm as well

[04:28:07] before we before we leave just a couple of things I know over the next couple of weeks maybe even within the next couple of months we are going to have absences on the board I know that for a couple of one meeting there's their graduations the same night as I'm the same time as our meeting people will miss for that their graduations all the way through like like June 20th or something graduations go late until the so I know that if you could let us know as soon as possible I will try to adjust the schedule as much as adjust the agenda as much as I can to because you know you have reservations here, you have reservations out of town, you have things going on. This is just a

[04:28:45] really busy time. NACO was coming up as well and some other things and so I would try to move things around as much as possible and I know you hear or get to vote in the item that you want to vote on. Just let me know and I'll do my best. For the next meeting I will I should be here for most of the meeting but I might have to leave at the back end of the meeting and so I will then hand the meeting over to mr turner but uh i think that's i think that's it is your light on for something i like green okay okay that is it we are adjourned



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